DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT,

That St. Valentine was selected as the patron of all lovers because he lost his head?

That you would be really happy if you had everything you want?

That men really believe one-half of the "smart" things they write about

That man is such an inferior creature That an education of mind and heart makes a woman any less the good

housekeeper? That any two mothers will ever have the same ideas about the bringing up of children?

That a taste for neatness, tidiness

and general snugness, lessen one's taste for things intellectual? That this world was made for your

special benefit? That the troubles you worry over are half as serious as you think them? That your baby boy is really the

brightest child ever born? That the person who chews gum in public is a lady? That your granddaughter will smile at your finery as you do at your grand-

That it really is so much harder to say the pleasant thing than the disagreeable one?

That the world would be as wicked as it is, if Satan was as indolent in doing evil as many Christians are in doing good? That our professions will help us

much if our lives do not come up to That we will all wear immense bustles again if fashion commends it?

That we can give money to the Lord acceptably, while our legal debts remain

That the time will ever come when an editor does not receive every day, on an average, three important letters, requiring an answer, but without a

That the average man will know what to do-with himself when the millenium comes?-Womankind.

Housework a Scinice.

When a friend of mine married she said to me: "I will never putter along in the way the average American house-keeper does. I will reduce my housekeeping to a science, and that will leave me time to keep up my music. read, and keep step with my husband, and study to keep ahead of my children. I will not let wrinkles grow in my face, nor will I allow my hands to get blowsy and red. The greatest trouble is, women are not particular enough about themselves, and they do not do things in an orderly way and then they worry.

Well, I have never found out how my friend got along. Sometimes I have wondered if the fair face was still fair, and the hope to accomplish much still as bright as on her wedding day. There is, however, a way, whether we live in country or city, whereby we can make something of our lives. We are apt to remark that women, like water, find a level, forgetting the places when they are dammed up and

One of our sweet singers, when I ask-

She was one of the most toil-burdened women I ever knew, and yet many a sweet song of hers has sung itself either packed away in her wardrobe, around the world in hearts that has presented to her ladies in waiting or been made lighter by its comforing hopefulness.

A Girl's Marriageable Age.

mined by the understanding of both principals as to the nature of their bond. The mistake is apt to be in impetuous judgment, rather than immaturity or the reverse. One has seen quite as many failures resulting from the mating of gray hair with middle age as from the nuptials of eighteen and had to be attended to as carefully with two and twenty. As a general thing, indeed, young hearts seem to one pair and never knew where the next grow more together, to accept the inevitables of life more frankly, to pean costume, to be sure, almost all of be more lenient with offending love's sake than do their elders. Old lovers who have spent their lives together in their journey through for every day in the year adds to her life have a fund of tenderness in recollection of their common youth that is a fountain sealed at which they alone can refresh themselves. Then in youth hard knocks are borne so easily together; laughter is so apt to come after tears; hopes shared are sustaining disappointment! These thoughts make an early marriage sacred from the common gibes about "rushing blindfold into a pit," "tying a millstone around one's neck," "marrying in haste to repent at leisure," etc. Mrs. Burton Harrison, Ladies' Home

Motherhood and Citizenship.

How do women fulfill the mission of their lives, which, be it welcome or un- their untiring efforts to see that their welcome, has been divinely ordered? guests enjoyed the evening. They are By a false and foolish sophistry and a very charitable, but with very decided shallow prudery, it is something too often approached in ignorance, concealed and veiled as it draws near. Girls Miss Bir trained by mothers for wifehood are kept in ignorance of the real issue of their lives. The preparation for marriage is | ing everything she touches into gold. It an equipment, more or less, for all things worldly and unworldly, but instruction or mention that "marriage was ordained for the recreation of children has seldom been given. * * Ignorant, she bears her child; uninformed and often unthinkingly she rears him, as an "aside" to some active motive in her lite of fame, fashion, or religion. She may coddle and fondle and pray over her child faithfully and devoutly, may neglect no care of his physical well-being, and yet be all unmindful of the far-reaching issues she has in her keeping: and, in the moulding of the plastic stuff she has in her hand, be indifferent to the bents and imprints that are to militate against her in the future.—
January Forum.

NO WASTE FUEL.

Success of a Seven Months' Test in York-

A seven months' test of the new process of heating boilers with hot air and gas instead of cold air and slack, at one of the Yorkshire plants, is reported as having proved very satisfactory. In this process the cold slack is not stop-ped in the boiler furnace, but is placed in a brick chamber some distance from the boilers, and is there turned into gas; the air is heated by being made to circulate in flues round the chamber made hot in the process of gas making, and the gas and air in their heated state are carried in flues to the boiler furnace, where they mix and are ignited, both the upper and lower parts of the furnace being blocked by these flues, so that nothing can enter but the hot gas and hot air. No part of the furnace is ever opened and no cold air ever strikes boiler plates or heat space. Where there is a high chimney it is necessary that the damper be lowered, or the furnace will contain a mere torrent of fire rushing to the chimney, and, as the damper is lowered, the flames will rise and spread until the whole space, below as well as above the bars. ash place as well as furnace, will be filled with flame—a sea, instead of a torrent of fire-the same effect being practicable by reducing the height of the chimney. By using a fan to increase the air supply, the heat can be raised to any possible temperature—even to a glare requiring colored glasses to look uponwith a chimney no higher than a house chimney. Thus, with this sea of burning gas, it is impossible to have smoke. and, with no waste in smoke or escaping gases, a great reduction in fuel is claimed.-New York Sun.

Mistaken Identity.



Dora-Why don't you ask that old man next you to change places with me? That we could sit together. Wilfrid-Old man, dear? That's not an old man; it's a new woman!

The Empress of Japan.

The Empress of Japan is said to enjoy the largest washing of any royal or for how she found time for She is a very petite and winsome little poems in the multitude of her house- lady. It does not take much to cover keeping cares, said, "I fasten my book her, to be sure, but a Japanese Queen up over my flour barrel and when I can | must change that covering many, many I read a verse and then the work speeds | times a day, and her raiment must be of while I think over it and commit it to delicate, cobwebby, lacey slik, satin, crape or crepe de chine. Even if she never wears the same article twice she has it cleaned, washed, perfumed and her beloved female retainers. At one time during the last summer season, when her maids were busy putting away summer robes and bringing to light autumn ones, she had over 2,000 The age of marriage should be deter- silk kamonas sent to her royal laundry and cleaning department of the imperial household. This, they say, was a very small amount indeed for the royal washerwomen.

Her funny little stockings, with arrangements like gloves' fingers for each toe, numbered many, many thousands one would come from. She dons Eurothe time, and always at state festivals, and this fact, together with the necessary Japanese custom of donning a robe weekly laundry list.-Tokyo Letter.

Rich Beyond Most Dreams.

Two much talked of women at present are Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs and her sister, Miss Fair, the daughters of Senator Fair, whose recent death has left them even greater heiresses than they were before. Both of these women are extremely pretty. Of medium height, slender and graceful, with singularly glossy hair and white skins and always well gowned, they would be belles even without their large fortunes.

They are noted for being most gracious hostesses, and at the ball they gave last summer at Newport many pleasant comments were made as to views as to how their charity should be

Miss Birdie Fair is said to have a more than ordinary talent for business and to possess her father's gift of turnis said she has speulated more than once, and with most satisfactory results to herself. She makes it a point to thoroughly understand all about her own property. She is a remarkably cultivated young woman and is very fond of all sort of sport, plays golf well and is considered one of the best women bicyclists. She is also a good conversationist and is fond of going into society. -New York Letter.

A Substitute for a Jardiniere.

If you lack a jardiniere in which to put a blossoming plant that is to be placed on the dinner table or in other Divorce in Burman.

Suppose a Burmese husband and wife quarrel and determine to separate. The wife—who always does all the marketing—goes out and buys two little candles of equal length, which are made especially for this use. She brings them home. She and her husband sit down on the floor and light them simultaneously. One candle stands for him, the other for her. The one whose candle burns out first rises and goes out of the house forever, with nothing but what he or she may have on. The one whose candle has survived the longest, even by a second, takes everything. So the divorce and the division of the property—if you can call that a division—are settled.

COTTON PICKING.

Mechanical Device Which Supersede Hand Laber in Georgia.

One of the most remarkable mechanical devices recently introduced in Georgia is a cotton-picking machine. The dimensions of the machine are approximately nine feet in height. It is mounted on four metal-carrying is mounted on four metal-carrying wheels and in general appearance is not unlike a road engine, except that it is hauled by horses and receives the power to propel the working mechanism from the traction wheels. The rear wheels are four feet in diameter. The tires are eight inches wide and eleated on the rim, to provide traction, ample to operate the mechanism for picking the cotton from the plants and the stripping devices and elevators in motion. and elevators in motion. The object of the elevators is to deposit the cotton in large sacks located at the top near the rear end of the ma-

chine. The total weight of the machine is about 1,600 pounds, and of extremely light draught, and it can be drawn and operated by one pair of horses. The cotton-picking apparatus can be readily and almost instantly priced or lowered to suit the codition raised or lowered to suit the condition of the cotton and the surface of the ground on which it is operated. The picking and stripping mechanisms are entirely incased with light metallic cases, except the elongated slots, through which the picking needles protrude. The needles are mounted on suitable bearings in vertical carriers, 34 in number, 17 on each side, being linked together, working simultaneous. linked together, working simultaneously. The gears are incased within the carriers. Each carrier in making the circuit of its oblong course, making nearly one turn on its own axis, and

each needle while in the plant makes

15 revolutions, and five revolutions in the opposite direction while being The needles are inserted longitudinally into the plant to an extended posi-tion, then rotated rapidly and moved backward at a speed corresponding to the forward rate of travel of the machine, thereby avoiding any movement of the needles in relation to the plant except a rotary motion. The needles are withdrawn longitudinally from the plant and pass between yielding stationary strippers, whereby the cotton is deposited in elevators. The capacity of the machine is from six to eight acres per day, and from two to four bales per day, according to the yield. It takes 15 ordinary hands a whole day to pick one bale, averaging about 100 pounds each, or 590 pounds of lint after it is ginned,—Chicago Times.

Eternity of To-Day.

There are many heroic souls who sit enduring patiently the trials and tribuations of their lives and who find their only consolation in a persistent looking torward to the joys of eternity, which nce here is over.

It is a pathetic thing to consider the efforts of these patient, well-meaning waiters, who are trying to find comfort, warmth and joy from their contemplation of the dim future.

Sometimes this dreary fortitude seems mistaken as well as woeful, not because the hope cherished in the waiting hearts s delusive, but because such a persistent living in the future blinds the sufferer to a great deal of to-day's present good, which he might realize without losing his future advantage.

There is an immense amount of comnonsense to be found in the theory that after all, eternity is now, and now is all the eternity we shall ever get. To day is part of our eternity quite as nuch as to-morrow will be, or next year or next century. We talk much of "eternal happiness," and this "eter-"we say, "has no beginning or yet the inclusive fact that tolay is part of our eternity, and that we do not get some eternal happiless out of each to-day we will never get any at all. This we do not realize or

And when we have waked thoroughly ip to the fact that this painfully strained ving in the future is a mistake, we may find to day is not so barren as we thought. As its possibilities uafold, and the hidden eternal happiness it holds comes to light, we begin to find out how much eternal happiness we have thrown away because we have not taken each lay what the eternity of every day prought us. The eternity of to-day holds something for each of us. What is it?-Harper's Bazar.

He Was Not Ashamed of Mis Color. Fred Douglas, though very sensitive n the subject of any distinction drawn etween negroes and mulattoes to the lisparagement of the former, was alvays ready to crack a joke on his own He often laughed over the wittiism of Mrs. Fred Grant's at his expense, when they met at the Chicago convention of 1888. "The convention had been in session several days, and there had been some balloting the day before,' he said, relating the story to a friend. "I was sitting with Mrs. Grant and her party, watching the balloting. To my surprise one vote was cast for me for president of the United States. It had no sooner been announced by the tellers than Mrs. Grant turned to me, and said: You must be the dark horse of this convention, Mr. Dauglass.'" At a meeting of the free religionists in Boston some years ago, he was among the speakers. Referring to the rule of the assembly which limited the time of speeches, he said he never made a short speech that he was satisfied with, and never made a long one that anybody else was satisfied with. "I came here," said he, "not to speak, but to listen, to learn, not to teach; in fact," he added, "I came here merely to give color to the occasion.—Kate Field's Washington.

Cold Storage Cats.

"Nature has made a kind provision that animals that live in a cold climate have a heavy covering," said a traveling man. "The extent to which this provision is carried out is shown by the experience of a firm in New York, which owns a cold storage watchouse. They were troubled with rats about the place, but could find no dog or cat that could stand the degree of cold. 'Finally a thick-furred cat was procured that lived, and shosequently a mate for it. A litter of kittens came, and it was noticed their fur was longer than that of the parent cats. There have now been five generations born in the warchouse, the fur of each a little longer and thicker or than that of the preceding generation, until now they are covered with fur as thick and close as that of a musk-rat, and when removed from the warchouse they cannot stand the warm climate, and soon die. It is a distinct breed of cold storage cats."—Cincinnati provision is carried out is shown by the

HUMOR AS GHE ALTAR.

Some Rather Curious Hitches in Marriage Ceremony.

Some funny stories are told about the narriaga service. One of them relates marriaga service. One of them relates how an old man, brought rather unwillingly to the altar, could not be induced to repeat the responses. My good man," at length exclaimed the clergyman, "I really cannot marry you unless you do as you are told." But the man still remained silent. At this unexpected hitch the bride lost all patience with her future spouse, and burst out with "Go on, you old toot! Say it after him just as if you was mocking him." The same difficulty occurred in another case. The clergyman, after explaining what was necessary and going over the responses several times without the smallest effect, stopped in dismay, whereupon the bridegroom encouraged him with "Go ahead, pass'n, go ahead! thou art doing bravely." go ahead! thou art doing bravely. Upon another occasion it was, strangel nough, the woman who could not h prevailed upon to speak. When the clergyman remonstrated with her she indignantly replied: "Your father married me twice before, and he wasn't axin' me any of them impertinent questions at all."—Philadelphia Times.



"My dear sir! don't you see I've been preaching to a congregation of jack-asses?" "O, I see! I wondered why you kept on calling 'em 'beloved brethren.'"

Quaint Proverbs. Each vine meeds its stick,-Lombardy.

One cap is worth one hundred hoods. -Italian. Love and musk soon betray themselves.—Persian. A girl shat spins thinks of her wed-

ding dress. -Russian. Man is never too old to love or commit nonsense.-Finnish. "But, sister, he is blind!" "So much

the better!"-Venetian. People in love believe everybody else can't see.—Spanish. People in love have bells dangling

from their eyes. - Danish. The favor of woman makes a knight of a cow-herd .- Gasgognese. Love is discovered easier than a hole

in the stocking .- Venetian. A man in love doesn't need eyeglasses for he is blind. - Turkish. Getting married makes golden plates of earthen dishes. - Basque. Man is like fire, and woman like

straw; the devil blows in between-Tus-"Should I take him? Advise me well, but don't dissuade me from taking him."-Dutch.

Chimney Sweeps in England. That useful and conspicuous person,

the chimney sweep has been further legislated against-whether at the motherly instigation of the London County Council or not we cannot say. By the Chimney Sweepers' Act, 1894, the man no longer, since the 31st December last, knock at houses from door to door, or ring a bell, or use any noisy instrument (presumably his voice included(, or to the annoyance of any inhabitant ring the door bell of any house, under the liability of a summary fine of 10s, for the first offence, and 20s, for every subsequent offence. Chimney sweepers have been the subject of considerable legislation, In 1840 the scandalous employment of young children as chimney and flue climbers, under the most cruel perilous circumstances was made illegal; no child under 16 was allowed to be even apprenticed to a sweep. It will be remembered that the hero of Charles Kingsley's Water Babies was a sweep's boy. In 1864 the protection of children from the evils of the trade was made still more effective. A child under ten can do no work whatever for a sweep outside his place of business; and a sweep entering a house to sweep chim-neys cannot bring with him any person under 16. In any prosecution the bur-den of proof of age lies on the sweep. In 1875 it was enacted that every sweep must hold a certificate from the police to enable him to carry on the business of chimney sweeping. It would be a good thing if many other dangerous trades were as well regulated internally as this one. -Law Times.

Likes the Word "Madam."

Even when the street car conductor cautions us, "Don't get off, lady, till the car stops," or the cash-girl wails at us, 'Here's your change, lady," and we feel half impatient and half amused, we hardly know why, even then we do realize, I think, and appreciate, that it is meant courteously. "Woman, here's your change," would be distinctly unpleasant, even though strictly true, and not meant to be impolite.

There is, however, another term which is coming more and more into use, which saves us either of these extremes. I mean the old, dignified, noncommittal word, "madam." A conventional term of address," the dictionary declares it to be, "to women of any de-

A Portland boy attended the recent fire at the orphan asylum in that city. Soon after it was extinguished, he was asked : "Where was the fire, Harold ?" "At the orphan asylum," was the

"Is that so?" said the enquirer, in excitement. "Why, it must have been aw-

fur as thick and close as that of a musk-rat, and when removed from the warehouse they cannot stand the warm climate, and soon die. It is a distinct breed of cold storage cats."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Oh, no," said Harold, "it wasnt very bad. The building wasn't damaged much, and as soon as the fire was discovered they sent the orphans home to their parents, so none of them was hurt."—Kennebec Journal.

BITS OF KNOWLEDGE.

A temperature of 220 degrees below the zero of Fahrenheit has been produc-ed by mixing carbon bisulphide and liquid nitrous acid.

Voluntary muscles are almost always red; involuntary muscles are generally white, the most notable exception in the latter case being the heart.

Cats and several other animals have false eyelid, which can be drawn over he eyeball either to cleanse it or to protect it from too strong a light.

The mole is not blind as many persons suppose, Its eye is hardly larger than a pinhead and is carefully protect from dust and dirt by means of enclosing hairs.

The blood flows almost as freely through the bones as through the flesh of very young children, but as age comes on, the blood vessels in the bones are almost filled with matter.

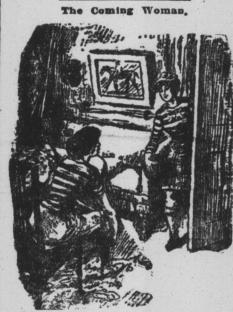
Rats must have access to water or they die. A trapped rat may easily be tamed by allowing no water but that offered in a spoon, for the creature soon learns to recognize the hand which sup-plies this all-important necessity. A Mexican paper states that a new project for the sanitation of the sewers in the city of Mexico, at a cost of about \$25,000, calls for the building of some twenty-five windmills in different parts of the city to rotate paddle wheels in the sewers and quicken the current to

one metre per second. "Cancer is contagious," declared Dr. Guelliot, of Rheims, to the congress of French surgeons held recently at Lyons, "The transmission may be direct from the body, but it is effected more frequently through wearing apparel or table utensils; in two cases it was through a tobacco pipe."

Partridges and quail will generally when accidentally caught by a high wind close their wings and drop to the ground in a slanting direction, only using their wings to check their flight when near the earth. They frequently fail to check themselves in time, or the force of the wind is greater than they calculated, and they are dashed with tremendous force to the earth and are wounded or killed.

Herr Mashca has lately unearthed in Moravia a number of skeletons of mam-moths associated with those of human beings. A remarkable feature of one find was that of what appeared to be a whole family of human beings of gigantic size co-existent with the mam-

Gardening for women is engaging attention in Germany, and a horticultural school for girls and women is about to be opened at Berlin. The principal is Fraulein Elvira Castner, who first mooted the idea in a paper read before the Berlin Society, Frauenwohl. It is proposed to teach all branches of gardening and to devote special attention to the production of fruit.



"Why, Jane dear, a petticoat!"
"Oh, it's all right for me, you know.

Future School Requirements,

According to an exchange, new pupils in the schools of the future will have to submit to this examination: Teacher-Johnnie, have you a certificate of vaccination for small-

"Yes, sir." "Have you been inoculated for croup?"
"Yes, sir."
"Been treated with diphtheria

serum ?" "Yes, sir." "Had you arm scratched with cholera bacilli? "Yes, sir."

"Have you a written guarantee that

you are proof against whooping-cough, measles, mumps, scarlet-fever and old "Yes, sir."

"Have you your own private drink-

ing cup?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you promise not to exchange sponges with the boy next to you, and never use any but your own pen-"Yes, sir."

"Will you agree to have your books fumigated with sulphur, and sprinkle your clothes with chloride of lime once "Yes, sir."
"Johnnie, you have met the first requirements of the modern sanitarians

occupy an isolated aluminum seat and begin making P's and Q's as your first lesson." and may now climb over yonder rail,

Queer Origin of Two Fashions. Marie Antoinette, history tells us, one day noticed on her toilet table some peacock feathers which had been placed there accidentally, being designed to decorate some fancy work. She stuck one of the feathers in her hair. Being pleased with the effect, she added another, and then called for some estrich feathers. The next day she appeared in court with a beautiful headdress of feathers, a fashion which immediately spread throughout France and Europe, and which is followed in dress circles

and which is followed in dress circles down to the present day.

Don John, of Austria, the son of Charles V., and the fascinating young hero of Lepanto, had a patch of hair on one side of his head which grew upright, and to conceal this peculiarity he used to comb all his hair back from his forehead. When he went as governor to the low countries, all the people of fashion imitated the mode, and from them it descended to our own day.

Dionysius was extremely short-sighted, and his flatterers, Montaigne tells us, "ran against one another in his presence, and stumbled at or overturned whatever was under foot, to show that they were as purblind as their sover-eign."—Youth's Companion.

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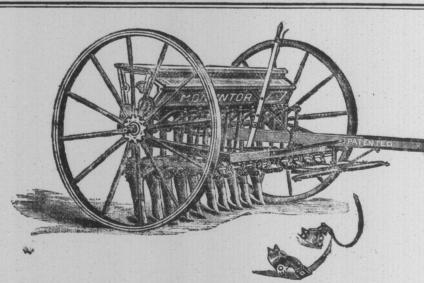
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