HOUSEHOLD.

In the Spring.

Softly the western breezes Are sighing among the flowers, Fair, as if new created In this beautiful world of ours,

The violets blue and fragrant Have waked from their winter sleep: The cloud shadows flit o'er the pastures, Where grasses are waving deep;
And over the thorny hedges
A gracious hand has thrown A mantel of fresh green leaflets, With starry blossoms strown.

Now leave thy sad communings, Poor human heart, and say-"If God so clothe the meadows, Will he turn from my sorrows away?" Each trial and pitiful weakness Thy heart so keenly feels

Each shade of dark despairing That o'er thy spirit steals,
Are like unto clouds that have gathered
Trough a life-long winter of pain.
And shall break in showers of blessing When the spring-time comes again.

Happy Birthdays for Little Ones.

"Now we shall have to give one more party every year," said a mother, looking daby. "You see," she went on, "we have one tablespoonful of butter, one teacupful the new bonnets and hats. year."

fail to remember the birthdays as they cream, flavored with orange or lemon, and come round. Even a baby of three or four | boiled for twenty minutes. Do not stir this years generally has two or three favorite very much. After the white layer hardens tots whom he or she would like invited. a little, put another of the brown. Mark The simplest entertainment is sufficient. A off into squares or long pieces, and cut so few plain cookies cut into fancy shapes with as to show to advantage the alternating cake cutters, with a stoned raisin in the stripes of color. Instead of the brown, one center; a plate of thin bread and butter cut | can color the first with poke-berry jelly or in delicate slices and spread with a very other coloring that will give a red tint, and little jam; cups of cambric tea, that is milk, if vanilla is not liked, pineapple will make bottom. with warm water and sugar in it, and the a nice contrast to the flavor of the white real birthday cake, with candles in it, will candy. make up a feast that will send these tiny | MARROONS GLACES. - One-half pound of mixones home happy. Even the birthday cake ed nuts-almonds, pecans and English wal-

substantial entertainment, but one must Two persons can make this candy far better avoid stuffing children of any age with food than one as the nut must be put in as soon he is of that extraction. He is known all not convenient for them. Most children will as a drop is poured. like creamed potatoes and chicken in white sauce. This is a convenient way of serving chicken for children, involving no trouble of cutting by guests or hostess. With this, tea or cocoa with cake and a tiny cup of will make a supper nice enough for children between the ages of six and fifteen. Make a plain light cup cake and when cold cut it in slices and these in fancy shapes; cubes, diamonds, stars, crescents and so on, and ice them with plain and colored icings.

No matter how simple the party, to make it a complete success their should be a souvenir for each child to carry home. Pop corn tied up in a bag made from a pretty Japanese napkin, or from coarse-meshed white lace, the seams buttonholed with gay zephyrs, or an orange wrapped in bright tissue paper with the ends twisted like motto candies will please the little ones. At a party given by a boy of five, toy whips, costing five cents each, were presented to the youthful guests and as they were all boys it sent them away happy; for his sister's doll party the souvenirs were very small Japanese dolls. Girls of ten, or older, may have pretty little cups and sancers for souvenirs. The little Japanese blue and white affairs, costing five cents each, are charming, while very dainty ones may be bought for twenty-five cents. Better than any sum of money that you may give your children during your lifetime, or leave them afteryour death will be the remembrances of all such sweet and simple home festivities as shall have endeared home to their childish

A Plea for Memoranda.

"You will though," supplemented the sert. Queen " if you don't make a memorandum of it;" and the White Queen was wiser in her day and generation than many lesser personages who have been born and brought up on this side the "Looking-glass."

It is hard to tell why so many persons are averse to memoranda. Perhaps they think that it weakens the memory. They might as well eat all the dishes on the menu in order to strengthen their stomaches, as to load their minds with things which might oysters and serve. better be left to paper. Daudet's hero, Tar tarin, remembered so many things thatnever happened that his biographer was forced to confess at last that he remembered able he couldn't help remembering it."

mother's pride in his memory! She herself | water, let boil for half an hour and press never indulged in a memorandum. The through a colander. Put a quart of milk on numbers of her friend's houses, the dates of | to boil, add the water in which the celery her second cousin's children's birthdays, the | was boiled, with the celery and a slice of her church and club and society engage. tablespoonfuls of flour together and stir ments, are registered only in her brain. into the boiling soup; season with salt and "But do you never misdirect an envelope, or pepper and serve. send a present on the wrong day, or omit some sensitive friend from your dinner list, or forget an errand at the store?" I asked in amazement.

"Sometimes," she confessed, "but that teaches me to be more careful in the future.' And I, with my tiny memorandum book in which my day's duties were set down in convenient order, felt for the moment as if I were mentally and morally disabled, that I ought not so to pamper my mind or to regret the painful process of revision; that perhaps the wrinkles on her young face were the lines of wisdom, and that the meat was more than the life, and the raiment more than the body.

Some Candy Receipts.

DARK AND LIGHT CANDY .- Half a pound neither time nor money to spend on very of cream, one teaspoonful of vanilla. Stir a layer of white candy, made as follows : shades will be the favorite colors. Happy the children whose parents never Three cupfuls of white sugar and one of

hould be a plain one, but there may be a nuts. Divide the English walnuts and pecans andle on it for each year of the child giv- in half. Two cupfuls of white sugar are ing the party, and if you stick the candle's put in a stewpan with one cupful of water, V shape in the back and front, to be worn pin through a tiny red, white, pink or yellow or enough to cover it well. It would be ad- with a large silk handkerchief in the old rose, made of paper the cake will present a visable to use a stewpan with a lip, so that style of 1790. very festive appearance. The candles are it will pour easily, and a handle for the the kind used on Christmas trees, and are protection of the hands. Do not stir with sold by confectioners and bakers. The a spoon. In fact, do not touch it with a cutest and most healthful little bon-bons spoon, except now and then to dip out a litcan be made by icing the tiny crackers, the to see when it's done. Drop a little into shaped like an elongated egg, or the little very cold water, if done, it will form into sticks about an inch long and as thick as a crinkly little wires, which will sound hard lead pencil now kept by all grocers. Make and clear when struck against the side of plain white icing and chocolate icing, color the bowl. It ought to be cooked twenty ing wonderful tricks upon the good people some of the white pink with cochineal minutes. After it is done, pour in drops of Tiflis, in the Caucasus, Russia. His and coat the crackers with the different | -the size of a silver quarter of a dollar-on name is Tagarelli, and while he can not be a marble slab and press into each drop one termed an Italian in the strict sense of the Older children will require rather more almond, or one half English walnut, or pecan

COCOANUT CANDY .- Four cupfuls of white sugar, one cupful of the milk of the cocoanut only in case it is perfectly good ; otherwise do not use it. One cocoanut, grateddo not use the desiccated cocoanut. Cook lemon or orange jelly made from gelatine the sugar, either with the milk, if good, or if not, with water, a little less than candy that has to be pulled. Try by dropping into cold water to see if it is done. Take it off the fire, pour in the cocoanut stir until thoroughly mixed, pour into a dish, and

when cold enough, cut into squares. CHOCOLATE DROPS .- Dissolve one cake of chocolate in a bowl set in hot water. Boil two cupfuls of white sugar and one cupful of new milk twenty minutes. Season with one teaspoonful of vanilla. Empty this into a dish, and beat until it is a good consistency to make into balls. Lay the balls on buttered paper, and after they are quite hard, dip one by one, into the melted chocolate. Use a fork in dipping and replace the balls on the buttered paper. One can also use nuts with these balls,

taking half of an English walnut to a ball. Children take special delight in nut candy, but it is rather rich, so it might be very well to make both kinds.

In the Kitchen.

is slightly warmed by dipping it for a moment in hot water and then wiping it, but

Try the oven with a piece of white paper. If too hot the paper will blacken or blaze up; if it becomes a light brown it is of the Great Eastern, the largest vessel ever fit for bread and heavier kinds of cake; built), will be about \$90,000 a month. "The horror of that moment", exclaimed if light yellow the oven is ready for Amongst the heavier items, the salaries and the White King, "I shall never forget." sponge cake and the lighter kinds of des- wages will total up to something like \$12,-

OYSTER LOAF. -Cutalong loaf of bread into slices about two inches thick; (a baker's long five cent loaf will make six). Now trim off the crust and make each piece square. Dig the crumb out of the centre of each piece, leaving sides and bottom like a box; that is, make a square box out of each slice of bread. Brush each box over with melted butter, and put in a quick oven until a light brown. Fill with creamed

COFFEE MILK. - Put a tablespoonful of it just to the boiling point, and let it stand nothing about anything. What a contrast on the corner of the range for fifteen min- ing expenses amount to nearly \$12,500,000 was he to Silas Lapham's carpenter who utes to infuse; then sprinkle into it a little annually, or over \$245,000 on the average never forgot his instructions because "he shredded gelatine, bring it again to the for each steamer. wrote them on a three-cornered block and | boiling point, and set it beside the fire to put it in his pocket and it was so uncomfort. | fine ; then pour it off through a strainer, and sweeten it with pulverized rock candy. For persons with weak chests or disposed to affections of the lungs, coffee prepared in this manner is an invaluable breakfast

beverage. OAT MEAL CAKES .- The following is an excellent way to prepare cold oatmeal, rice, wheat, or any two of these things. To two cups of cold oatmeal, or one of cold oatmeal and one of cold boiled rice, add two teaspoonfuls of milk, two of flour, sifted with a teaspoonful of baking powder, and two well-beaten eggs. Mix well, and fry like corn fritters. Be sure and cook them until

POACHED EGGS.—Take fresh eggs, break into the egg-poacher; or, have a pan of set over a moderate fire; as soon as the water boils, take the eggs up carefully and serve on slices of buttered toast.

until the skin breaks.

CELERY Sour .- Take four roots of celery, under the bridge forward.

Poor, smothered little brain, and the wash and cut into pieces, cover with boiling persons to whom she is socially indebted, onion. Rub an ounce of butter and two

Fashion Hints.

Some new skirts have a very wide boxplait at the middle of the back.

Spring garments for outdoor wear have pointed capes and large balloon sleeves. Bonnets for spring are extremely small

capotes, and many crownless little bonnets are also shown, while theatre bonnets are scarcely more than head-dresses.

Round hats are of medium size, and increase to very large shapes. All crowns are low, the undulating brims are retained, while other brims are much longer at the back than any yet used.

Flowers, aigrettes, the Alsacian bow of accordion velvet, jet, lace, guipire, and chip, with much jet and gold, and ornaments of fondly at the tiny black head of the new of chocolate, two pounds of white sugar, jewels of all colors, are used for trimming

Capes will be very popular for spring, bemuch society for ourselves, but it costs so this all the while it is cooking. This will cause they can be worn without crushing little to make the children happy that we be brown. Then butter a flat dish and put the large sleeves. Cloth capes will be most give each one a birthday party every a layer on it, let it harden a little, and add used, and tan and army blue of grayish

Jackets will be popular for mornin g wear and traveling, and are made with a simple turn-over collar and revers, stitched like the garment around the edge in tailor

The graceful clinging curves of the bell skirt are being somewhat supplanted by the full skirt which measures from four and a half to five and six yards around the Kilt-plaited skirts have reappeared, and,

in fact, the tendency is toward floating loose effects, the form being no longer incased in sheath-like coverings.

Dresses that are slightly soiled at the neck can be made like new by cutting the neck | the building of the Pyramids exactly coin-

HE DIES ONCE A WEEK.

An Italian Impostor Who Is Known all Over Russia.

An Italian, who can not be other than a most remarkable impostor, has been playword, having been born in Russia of parents born in the same country, it is known that over the land of the Czar as "The Dying Prophet," his ability to delude the public depending on a queer faculty he has of week. A person who has viewed the situation on the ground said: The audacity tests declare that life is extinct. While in | cular affection. this condition he declares that his spirit visits "the unknown world" but which of the two he will not tell. All that he will divulge in regard to his doings while on these "trips" is that he examines the book of life, and that he can tell the spiritual standing of every person who cares enough about it to make inquiries.

What It Costs to Run a Steamship. The cost varies very considerably according to the tonnage of the vessel, its destin- harmless lizard crawled while he was half ation, length of voyage, and whether it is a asleep. He was sure that a cobra had bitcargo or passenger steamer. There are also ten him, and it was too much for his nerves steamships which work ferry traffic across and he died. rivers or harbors, or are limited to service "Frederick I., of Prussia, was killed by it went by the second-storey landing a voice on rivers or lakes, and therefore it is neces- fear. His wife was insane, and one day from within said : "Your turn next." Butter is more easily creamed if the bowl sarily impossible to lay down any rate of she escaped from her keepers, and, dabexpenditure which would be applicable bling her clothes in blood, rushed upon her generally. Taking the case of one of the husband while he was dozing in his chair. it must not be hot enough to melt the larger Atlantic liners, it has been estimated that the cost of running a steamship, such as the new Cunarder Campania, or its sister steamship, the Lucania (with the exception 500: coal about \$17,000 and victuals for Pentman, who lived in the seventeenth cencrew and a couple of thousand passengers, about \$35,000. Repairs, insurance, stores, and depreciation add largely to the debit side of the account, to say nothing of occasional accidents to machinery, loss through meeting with heavy storms, icebergs, and laroused by bones dancing around him and other perils of the seas. The cost as repects | the skeletons suspended from the ceiling other steamships ranges downwards more clashing together. or less quickly; that of running an ordinary trading steamer of 1,000 tons being about \$2,000 a month, while, in the case of river boats the cost becomes rapidly smaller as the boats decrease in size. The fleet of the ground coffee into a pint of new milk; bring | Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company consists of 51 vessels, and the work-

English Whalebacks.

shipbuilding is the turret deck steamer looked. A striking instance of this feeling built by W. Doxford & Sons, of Sunderland, occurred at the battle of Trafalgar. Two of the whaleback type now largely used on happened to be stationed near each other other vessels from keel to water line, but every man to do his duty." from the water line the shell is rounded off upward and inward until it terminated fully remarked Donald. at the upper deck level in an upright structure, misnamed a turret, running fore companion, said : and aft. The vessel has no sheer, the deck reaching in a perfect straight line fore and eneuch that nae son needs to be tell't to dae aft. The plating, running inward from his duty. That's jist a hint to the Engthe water line to the turret deck, is thick lishers. one at a time in a saucer and slip from it and strong like that of the hull proper, so that the whole skin of the vessel above and boiling water in which to poach the eggs; below is of the same thickness. The engines are placed aft, as in whaleback steamers, so that from the engine room to the forecastle as the best of 'em I notice is always hard there is a long continuous hold, interfered up. Things ain't divided as they ort to be you frequently promise never to let your BAKED POTATOES. -Take potatoes of with only by the necessary bulkheads. The in this world. uniform size, wash and rub until clean, put boat's accommodations for engineers and | . Rusty Rufus-" Wot's eatin' you pard? in a pan, set in a very hot oven, and bake crew are all abaft the engine room, but the Ei everybody wuz rich how could overseers captain and officers are placed as usual of the pore make a livin', I'd like to cold weather, how can you refuse me a soal

USEFUL INFURMATION.

Stereotyping was known in 1701. Russia possesses over 300 female doctors. Women were first employed as telegraph operators in 1854.

Wood engraving was introduced into Europe about the year 1400.

The French entertain considerable antipathy for the Italians.

There are about 1,500 theatres in Europe. Italy possesses most.

Asbestos is found in France, Italy, Cor-

sica, Cornwall, and Scotland. William Caxton learnt the printing at Bruges, in Flanders.

Holbein, the famous painter, was born at Augsburg in Germany.

Sea slugs, sharks' fins, and hairless-dogs

are favorite dishes with the Chinese. In Ceylon the Roman Catholics outnumber the Protestants by quite four to

Fine examples of the ruby are more valuable even than diamonds of the same weight.

The church in the monastery of St Bernard is the highest place of worship in the world.

The oldest periodical published in Spain is the Madrid Gazette-founded in 1662. There is no record of paper having been

manufactured in England until the end of

the sixteenth century. Dr. Herz, connected with the recent Panthe Franco-Prussian War.

The most successful men of our time have known how to harbor their strength by judicious relaxations. The cost of establishing a nutmeg planta-

there can be no return.

unassuming than his manner.

cide with the latest modern discoveries. Of Sir Walter Scott's novels, three are assigned to the sixteenth century, seven to

teenth century. In some parts of the world sponges are obtained by divers who weight themselves with a stone and tear the sponges from the

the seventeenth, and thirteen to the eigh-

The greatest travellers in Switzerland are the English; then come the Germans, the Americans, the French, and the Italians in the order given.

About 5,000,000 ounces of quinine are produced annually. There are seventeen quinine factories in the world, and six of these are in Germany.

with the guillotine was in use in the reign called upon for services of this sort. But dying and returning to life once every of Elizabeth, and twenty-five persons suffer- such labors, onerous as they often are, will ed death by it.

Paderewski, the celebrated pianist, in of his pretensions, the skill with which spite of the extreme delicacy of his touch, they are maintained, and, above all, the suffers from a muscular affection of the arm, profound affect produced upon all who come | caused, undoubtedly, by his excessive pracin contact with him, have no parallel in tice. This is, perhaps, surprising, as he history. He is a most extraordinary being, never thumps, and his playing is marked and if he be an impostor then he is the most more by a soft brilliancy than by mere marvelous impostor of the age. " He dies, noise. Paderewski had recently to undergo to all appearances, and the ordinary death a course of massage treatment for this mus-

DEATH FROM FRIGHT.

Authentic Cases in Which It Has Been Known to Occur.

"I have interested myself somewhat in looking up unusual cases of death," says Dr. Elder, "and have met several well-authenticated instances where fright was the cause. The English Surgeon General Francis tells of a drummer in India across whose legs a

King Frederick imagined her to be the white lady, whose ghost was believed to invariably appear whenever the death of a member of the royal family was to occur, and he was thrown into a fever and died in

from fear was that of the Dutch painter, tury. One day he went into a room full of anatomical subjects to sketch some death heads and skeletonsfor a picture he intended to paint. The weather was very sultry, and while sketching he fell asleep. He was

the window and though he sustained no cite many other cases where the shock to the nervous system, which we know as fright, has produced death."

Scottie's Pride.

Nothing galls the natural pride of a true-One of the novelties of the past year in blue Scot more than to have Scotland over-England, which is practically a modification | Scotchmen, messmates and bosom cronies, the great lakes. In the only vessel of this | when the celebrated signal was given from design yet built the hull is shaped like most Admiral Nelson's ship-" England expects

"Not a word about poor Scotland," dole-

His friend cocked his eye, turning to his "Man Donald, Scotland kens weel

Envy Rebuked.

Wayside Bill-" Some folks that's as good

know ?"

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT IN CHINA.

The Manner in Which Public Affairs Are Administered in Celestial Villages.

A recent writer in the North China Herald of Shanghai describes the manner in which local self government works in China. Every Chinese village is a kind of little principality by itself-the theory in regard to the head men or village elders being that they are chosen by their follow townsmen and confirmed in their position by the district magistrate. In some regions that is actually done, and for the good conduct of the head men in their office the leading landowners are required to become security. They are not necessarily the oldest men in the village, neither are they necessarily the wealthiest men, although it is probable that every family of property will in some way be represented among them. They are not necessarily men of literary attainments although this may be the case with a few. In those regions where the method of selection is most loose the number of head men has no necessary relation to the size of the village; the position is not hereditary, neither is there any fixed time of service. A man may act in this capacity at one time and refuse or neglect to doso at another.

The head men are not formally chosen nor formally deposed. They arop into their places by a kind of natural selection. The qualities which fit a villager to act as head man are the same which contribute to success in any line of busines. He must be a practical man who has some native ability, acquainted with the ways of the world, as ama Canal scandal, fought bravely through | well as able and willing to devote upon occasion an indefinite amount of time and attention to the affairs which may be put in his charge. The duties and functions are many and various. They may be classified as those which have relation to the government of the district, such as taxation; tion is very high, and for ten years at least | those which relate to the village, such as repairs of the wall, fairs, and temples, and In person the late General Gordon was | those which concern private individuals, and slight and short, and nothing could be more are brought to the notice of the head men as being the persons best able to manage The astronomical calculations in regard to | them. It is noteworthy that the government of China, while in theory more or less despotic, places no practical restrictions upon the right of free assemblage by the people for the consideration of their own affairs. The people of any village can, if they choose, meet every day in the year. There is no government censor present, and no restrictions upon liberty of debate. The people can say what they like, and the local magistrate neither knows nor cares what is said. There is in every village unceasing supply of matters which do not belong to the public, but which must be adjusted by some man or men who are in the habit of transacting business, and who not only know what is to be done but know how to do it. There are always Chinese who like to engage in these matters, such as the adjustment of domestic quarrels and differences between neighbors and the like. The A death-dealing machine almost identical head men of the village will be frequently be acknowledged only by the thanks of those interested and a participation in the inevitable feast.

"YOUR TURN NEXT"

Dream of a Lady and the Tragedy That Followed It.

It is related that a Waterville lady, Mrs. J. M. Cook once had a very remarkable vision. In her dreams she met a man with a very peculiar phisiognomy, who said to her, "Your turn next," and then disappeared. The next morning she remembered the maa's face perfectly, but could not recall under what circumstances she met him.

Again she dreamed the same thing. For weeks and months after she would occasionally have the same dream, without the slightest variation. She began to be seriously troubled over the occurrence and at length decided to leave town. She had been in Philadelphia a few days when she had occasion to go into one of the large buildings. Upon the second floor she noticed that there was an elevator, and decided to wait for it. Just at that moment it came down, and as

This startled Mrs. Cook, but she thought it merely accidental that these were the precise words of her dream and resolved to repress her fears. The elevator came up and stopped. She stepped in. When the door closed she looked at the man in charge. She almost fainted when she saw that he was the perfect image of the man of her dream. Her terror can be better imagined "But perhaps the most remarkable death than described. She recovered herself quickly, and ordering the elevator to stop at the next landing got out. The elevator went on, but when a short distance from the third story something gave way and the car crashed down to the basement, killing the man instantly.

One Can Die of a Broken Heart.

The late Sir George Paget, in one of his "In a fit of terror he threw himself out lectures just published, says that in the vast majority of cases popularly described serious injury, and was informed that a as broken heart there is nothing like an slight earthquake had caused the commotion | actual rupture of the heart; yet he admits among his ghostly surroundings, he died in | that mental affections will not unfrequently a few days in a nervous tremor. I could cause real disease of the body, and he mentions an actual case of broken heart cited by Dr. J. K. Mitchell, of the Jefferson College, Philadelphia, in lecturing to his pupils. In an early period of his life Dr. Mitchell accompanied, as a surgeon, a packet that sailed from Liverpool to one of the American ports. The captain frequently conversed with him respecting a lady who had promised to become his bride on his return from that voyage. Upon this subject he evinced great warmth of feeling, and showed some costly jewels and ornaments which he intended to present as bridal gifts. On reaching his destination he was abruptly informed that the lady had married some one else. Instantly the captain was observed to clasp his hand to his breast and fall heavily to the ground. He was taken up and conveyed to his cabin on the vessel. Dr. Mitchell was immediately summoned, but before he reached him the captain was dead. A post-mortem examination revealed the cause. His heart was found literally torn in twain.

How She Cornered Him.

Wife-"Before we were married, didn't love run cold ?"

Husband-"Yes, my dear," Wife-" Then when we are navrag, such skin sacque."