A Si Peem.

MR. EDITOR I have been shown your paper, sir, in which you say you'll pay Three dollars for the poorest poem sent till the fifteenth day Of February. Now I can get up poor poetry With just as little trouble as the squirrels go up

When Widow Johnson's barn was burnt (some think 'twas set afire From sparks from over across the lot, where they were setting tire), The time she lost her little boy, whom cruel fate The neighbors kindly set about to help her raise another.

They made her a donation call, and made me do the speeching, The folks were tickled, and declared 'twas nigh as good as preaching;

And when we sung the piece I wrote, ten verses, coa mon metre, And which I gave out line by line-said nothing could be sweeter.

As like as not this poetry will be too good by As some you get may be so bad it would make the horses laugh, But never mind; I shall feel pleased wherever good luck pitches, Remembering the Good Book says: Put not thy

trust in riches. -Josh. Boston, in Rockland Courier-Gazette.

#### Odd Facts and Fancies.

Some people think a little salt in coffee improves the taste. In the Boston bird show is an eagle

whose wings spread nine feet. museum at Dallas, Tex. It is petrified.

An objection to electric lights in places of amusement is that they do too much hissing. An electric-lighted sign board with a surface of 7,000 square feet, in New York,

is the biggest thing, as to space, in the way of an advertisement yet exhibited. Slavery still exists in China. The female slaves are by far the most numerous. The average price is from \$40 to \$50 per head.

Young and healthy girls of 12 sometimes fetch as high as \$100. Reed and Pearce, of Emporia, Kas., have been sentenced to remain in the penitentiary one year and, at such time thereafter

as the Governor shall fix, to be hanged within the prison walls. According to Japanese custom age is counted from the first day of the January succeeding birth. At that date a child is one year old, whether born the previous January, at mid-summer or on the 31st of

December. A butcher of Wymore, Neb., put a handsome fat pig, ornamented with rosettes, on the Christmas tree for his pastor. He was very angry the next day when he saw the pig in a rival shop, where the dominie had sold it for half the market price.

The blowing down of an oak near Washington, Ga., revealed a little heap of gold and jewels, diamonds, rubies and pearls, said to be worth \$20,000. It is supposed that they are part of the treasure lost by members of the Confederate Cabinet.

Tom Crawford, a heart-smasher o Crockett Co., Tenn., was arrested in Haywood County recently on the charge of bigamy, having married five wives, all of whom are said to be living. He is a darkey, over 50 years of age, and has a most repulsive countenance.

A fellow in Cleveland, O., has taught a dog to steal newspapers from the doorsteps of houses, where they have been left by carriers, and bring them to him. The question with the exasperated subscribers is whether they shall kill the dog or punish the man.

Mathew Cohen, a New York youth, being found unconscious with a bottle labeled "laudanum" in it, was suspected of suicide. He came to after the application of a stomach pump and explained that the bottle contained "holy water," which he had taken internally, having felt un. Suede, or undressed kid gloves.

On the coldest day of the month says the Shasta (Cal.) Courier, Rev. W. H. Howard baptized by immersion eight residents of Big Valley, Modoe Co. The pastor, however, showed some judgment in the waggon, took them to the outlet of the hot springs and gave them a warm bath.

The plow in general use in Mexico nowadays is the same the Egyptians used 5,000 years ago. It consists of a crooked stick with an iron point nailed to it or tied to it with a piece of rawhide, a small handle for the plowman to steer with, and a pole to hitch a yoke of oxen to. This so-called plow will scratch a furrow in the soil three inches deep.

Robert P. Pullman, of Carnesville, Ga., publishes this card in a local paper: " hereby give notice to all dram-sellers and dram-drinkers that I have left the old way with the old year, and have turned into the new way with the new year, and I want all of them to give me the go-by. I intend to redeem my name and character, and shall look upon the man who offers me liquor as my deadly enemy."

Last summer the wife of Benjamin Smith, of Hancock, Delaware County, N. Y., was so badly injured by a runaway horse that she died in a few hours. After her death Smith and his son James, aged 16, continued to live in Hancock. Two weeks ago the father was driving on a steep hill near the village with a load of bark. He fell from the load in some way, and one runner of his sled passed over his head, crushing him to death. The son then went to live with a married sister at Lordville, a neighboring village. Last Saturday he stole a ride on the caboose of a freight train, on the Erie Railway, to Hancock. The train did not stop at that station. Young Smith jumped from the train, and falling beneath the wheels of the caboose, was instantly killed.

## An Unhealthy Mixture.

Before the Senate Committee on Public Health at New York Charles Moses, oleomargarine packer, testified that his hands and feet became sore and the nails dropped out through handling oleomargarine. His system became so impregnated with the poison that he had to go to the hospital. The doctors said if he went to work there it would be his death. James Gardiner said he had a friend who worked a month in an oleomargarine factory; his hands were poisoned by oleomargarine and he died a year afterwards.

The oldest female sovereign living is Empress Augusta of Germany, who is 71 years old. The youngest is the Queen of Servia, who is 23.

### LADIES'

Dresses to be Worn During the Ensuing Season.

SUNDRY NOVELTIES INTRODUECD

How Fashion Slavery Kills Women-New Household Hints.

> (Aunt Kate's Budget.) Notes on Dress.

mortification. Green is pronounced by the possible, and yet have the bottom of the pan powers that be the color which will be most covered. Bake slowly. worn this spring, though almost every other conceivable shade will share its honors. The new hats are many of them high and large crowned, and amongst the straw hats far more colored ones are imported than white. Straw bonnets are shown in great quantities, but it is said that fancy materials such as gauzes, English crape, China crape, tissues, embroidered batistes and laces over silk will be used for very dressy bonnets. It is generally predicted that long mantles will continue in favor, even The champion well-behaved baby is in a for the spring and for young girls who have hitherto exclusively worn jackets and short serve with pudding sauce. wrappings. For spring many elegant enough vinegar in it to give it a sour taste, handsome piece of furniture. Three slips Northern tramp could do no worse. the pink will be brighter than if rinsed in of wood strung at each coiner with blind try the experiment of bleaching them, and venient kind of bed-room book shelves. if of good quality they will do much service as common white dresses. Most of the delicate-hued muslin can be bleached by laying them on the grass for a day or two; dog a "lifesize portrait" of Mrs. Langtry's boiling them in strong soap suds, and then others may have weak ammonia added to the water.

Colors which were once considered inadmissible, worn together, are now fashionably combined. Whether their combination is in any better taste than ever is a question; but certain it is that from becoming accustomed to see them so, they do not look quite so strange as formerly. A fancy ribbon and pink roses, and short round decorated with clusters of jacqueminot suns and red sunsets. She estimates the

Red and pink, outrageous as such a mixture seems, promise to be a favorite conceit for spring millinery. A capote of scarf may be of red China crape caught with of men. a cluster of pink roses.

been applied is to form yokes for chemises. The net is first cut out in the form of a yoke, and then darned with linen floss in American boy, with his hereditary respect the pretty conventional patterns so long for women, is worth all the titled libertines employed for tidies, window curtains and of Europe. the like. When finished the yoke is edged with linen lace or embroidery on net.

New colors are oat straw yellow, apricot pink, the pale pink of the apricot blossom resembling that of the peach; Panama yel. During the performance there was a low, the tint of Panama straw hats; Suede, heathenish roar of applause and the band the ecru shade of the long popular gants de played a national air, "La Brabanconne."

be kept looking very well for a long time somebody else. A Polish woman in Chicopot bright and clean than the old as her present husband was coming over way of washing them in suds. Rubbing from the old country at the end of that time. with paper is also the best way of polishing knives, tinware and spoons; they shine like new silver. For polishing mirrors, lamp chimneys, etc., paper is better than apt to mold if a piece of writing paper, cut asleep, and is followed by the active organs, makes less noise when one walks over it.

# Fashionable Women.

like a sick baby. It is a sad truth that sciously an "early riser." fashion-pampered women are almost worthless for all the ends of human life; they have but little force of character; they have still less power of moral will, and quite as little physical energy. They live for no great purpose in life; they accomplish no worthy ends. They are only doll forms in the hands of milliners and servants, who dress and feed to order. They write no books, they set no rich examples of virtuous and womanly life. If they rear children, servants and nurses do all save give them birth, and when reared what are they What do they ever amount to but weak scions of the old stock? Whoever heard of s fashionable woman's child exhibiting any virtue or power of mind for which it became eminent? Read the biographies of there was great confusion. The howling, great and good men and women. Not one roaring wind and the yells and screams of of them had a fashionable mother. They nearly all sprang from a strong-minded fashion as with the changing clouds. The of the passengers were injured. trite saying, "A man may say too much.

Hints to Housekeepers.

even on the best of subjects," will answer

Mirrors used in dressing-rooms are not trimmed elaborately with plush. When birds are moulting it is the usual

COLUMN. thing to put a little saffron into the water, otherwise a rusty nail is good.

Tinned meats and vegetables should be made hot in the tin before the latter is opened, by placing it in hot water and heating it for a while.

If cayenne pepper is sprinkled plentifully in the resorts of rats they will resent the inhospitable treatment, and will retire from the premises.

Lent is a capital time to plan and arrange meal and a pint of water, with almost a one's spring clothes. Bothering over and teaspoonful of salt. Mix and spread on arraying spring clothes is surely a good Lent | buttered pans. Make it just as thin as it is

> Iron Rust Spot Remover. - Cream of tartar, fifty parts; binoxalate of potassium (powdered), fifty parts; oil of rosemary, one part. Rub to powder and mix well Moisten the spot, place on a heated tin plate and rub with the moistened powder.

some fruit, say stewed or anned berries, Many people are leaving the city. drain the juice from them and stir them into the batter; fry in a little lard and

Arrangement of Books.—If you have a ladies in Paris utilize their beautiful plethora of books get a carpenter to make a India shawls by draping them ingeni. wooden frame with no back, and a series of If the pretty pink ginghams now so much on these, and your china, etc., on the top water alone. If you have any old muslin | cord, knotted when through, so that they dresses that are good, and still are faded cannot slip, the four pieces tied together at and so unfit to wear, it is a good time to the top, and passed over a nail, give a con-

#### The World of Woman.

Miss Elizabeth Tuck, of Chicago, is paint-

The lady who wrote the popular little song "In the Gloaming" is said to have cleared a round \$10,000 out of it. Her sweetheart left her in the gloaming to some purpose.

A French woman, Countess de Miramon, exhibits in the Paris Salon portrait busts that are worth seeing. But then great

Miss Ley, of England, is one of the skirt of chandrons, or copper-red velvet, observers who have been studying the green height of the mass of meteoric and volcanic dust in the atmosphere at thirteen miles.

There is no end of wisdom in this remark of somebody: "The most common error of Tuscan straw may be encircled with a puffy men and women is that of looking for hapcloud of pink tulle, fastened with a bunch piness somewhere outside of useful work." of red roses; or, on the same principle, the Moreover, it is quite as true of women as

Among the honest industries whereby The newest use to which darned net has soul and body are kept together in Europe newer. \$1. is that of finding rich American wives for titled paupers. It is a pity. One honest

The other day at a circus in Brussels Mme. Marquise Hautefeuille went into the lion's cage with the keeper and played with the beasts as if they had been so many cats.

Goethe advocated marriages for five years. By that time couples would have time to become acquainted, and if they After a stove has been blackened it can didn't like it they could change off and get

# Never Doze.

The London Lancet discusses the subject dry cloth. Preserves and pickles keep much of rising at the end of sleep. Dozing, it better if brown paper instead of cloth is declares, is not admissible from any health tied over the jar. Canned fruit is not so point of view. The brain is the first to fall to fit the can, is laid directly on the fruit. and it is only perfect and natural when Paper is much better to put under a carpet shared by all the several parts of the than straw. It is warmer, thinner and organism. All the parts of the system are not equally exhausted, and those least fatigued soonest wake, while those most exhausted are aroused with the greatest Fashion kills more women than toil and difficulty. The several parts of the organsorrow. Obedience to fashion is a greater ism should need rest at the same time. To transgression of the laws of woman's bring this about a person should "wake nature, a greater injury to her physical and | early and feel ready to rise; this fair and mental constitution, than poverty and equal start of the sleepers should be neglect. The slave woman at her tasks | secured, and a wise self-manager should not will live and grow old and see two or three allow a drowsy feeling of the consciousness, generations of her mistresses fade and pass or weary senses, or an exhausted system to away. The washerwoman, with scarce a beguile him into the folly of going to sleep ray of hope to cheer her in her toil, will again when once his consciousness has been live to see her fashionable sisters die all aroused." The writer declares that a man around her. The kitchen maid is hearty | who will not allow himself to doze will, in and strong, when her lady has to be nursed a few days, find himself almost uncon-

# Blown from the Track.

A Denver newspaper thus describes singular accident that recently occurred on a winding curve of the Colorado Central Railroad: Just as the train struck that portion of the road but a short distance from the suburbs of Georgetown the fireman looked back and saw the rear end of the rear coach raised bodily from the track. He yelled to the engineer and they both jumped from the engine. Just then the wind roared past and the whole train was landing about 10 feet from the track and be wasted, you have laid the foundation of without disturbing a rail or tie. Then success."

-Victoria, B. C., Colonist,

"ROUGH ON COUGHS."

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Notice has been given in the British House of Lords that when army matters are before the House the proposition to change the uniform of the forces from red to grey will be opposed.

In the Hour of Need

distended stomach pressing against the nerves that extend from the stomach to the head.

Oatmeal wafers are relished by babies and older children, too. Take a pint of oatmeal and a pint of water, with almost a teaspoonful of salt. Mix and spread on

A Port Glasgow firm of shipbuilders launched a tug of 1,500 horse power, said to be the most powerful in the world, for service in the Hooghly.

with Diamond Dyes any lady can get as good results as the best practical dyer. Every dye warranted true to name and sample.

A City of Mexico despatch says yellow Dessert in a Hurry.—A quickly made fever is raging at Tehuponepec city. John dessert is this : Make a batter as if for Meyers, on American railroad contractor, common griddle cakes, then add an egg and died of the disease yesterday morning.

> MOTHER SWAN'S WORM SYRUP Infallible, tasteless, harmless, cathartic; for feverishness, restlessness, worms, constipa-

ously. A few agrafes of old chased silver shelves. Set this against the wall, cover gentleman's "sacred honor," anyhow? number of casks with the Government are used here and there to fasten the the top with any fabric you may think Here is Colonel Cash promising, "on his insignia, "U.S.," was asked by a workman shawl at the waist, neck and shoulders, suitable, and the sides; border it with ball sacred honor," that he will cause his son to if the letters meant "Uncle Sam." The which they wear with true Parisian grace. fringe, as also the shelves. Put your books give himself up to justice, and then using joke travelled, and the phrase has since the opportunity thus gained to help the become a current "American." The Engworn by children are dipped in water with and you will have not only a useful, but a young gentleman off to the woods. A

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\*Both Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier are prepared at 233 and 235 Western avenue, Lynn, Mass. Price of either, \$1. Six bottles for \$5. Sent by mail in the form of pills, or of lozenges, on receipt of costume may consist of a sky-blue waist pains are taken to add that she is not a freely answers all letters of inquiry. Enclose 3c. ornamented with loops of sky-blue satin "professional sculptor" Dear, dear!

> On Victor Hugo's recent birthday—his 83rd—the Government struck a medal in his honor. The presentation of this medal was the feature of the celebration. Crowds of friends and admirers flocked to his house, the drawing rooom of which was filled with choice flowers sent from many parts of

## DECLINE OF MAN.

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Emperor William's eyesight is failing rapidly, and it is feared that he may become blind, more especially as he objects to any mode of treatment.

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At a sporting place in Meriden, Conn. Alfred Elson, a pedestrian, wagered \$5 that he could run three and one-half miles in by rubbing it with paper every morning. pee, Mass., tried to carry this pleasant thirty minutes, giving the man who bet Rubbing with paper is a much nicer way poetic fancy into practice. She applied for with him permission to choose the track. business. He loaded the band into a big of keeping a tea-kettle, coffee-pot and tea- a license to be married for three years only, The track chosen was about the red-hot stove in the place. Elson accepted. The draughts of the stove were opened and more coal put on. The course required 176 laps to the mile. Elson ran 400 laps and then fell insensible.

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a parcel: "Young man, untie the strings;

do not cut them.

It was the first remark that he had made to a new employee. It was the first lesson the lad had to learn, and it involved the principles of success or failure in his business career. Pointing to a well-dressed man behind the counter he said:

"There is a man who always whips out his scissors and cuts the strings of the packages in three or four places. He is a good salesman, but he never will be any. thing more. I presume he lives from hand to mouth, and is more or less in debt. The trouble with him is that he was never taught to save.

"I told the boy just now to untie the strings, not so much for the value of the string as to teach him that everything is to be saved and nothing wasted. If the idea can be firmly impressed upon the mind of lifted bodily and turned completely over, a beginner in life that nothing was made to

L'Assistance Publique, of Paris, took the men and women who had been so charge in 1882, as is shown by a recent resuddenly and uncermoniously upset made port, of 948 bad children. Of these, 767 woman, who had about as little to do with a scene of unparalleled confusion. | Seven | were taken to the director by their parents, | ments selicited. Si Colborne street Toronto 156 were sent by the police, and 35 committed by magistrates. These children are Last Sunday evening as the Rev. Mr. sent to trade schools, and are assisted by Gamble was delivering one of a series of the Government until able to make an lectures on the vexed theological subject of honest living. A small portion of their | Detro Mich Ofreulars free Baptism, one of his audience, not agreeing | wages is retained by the Government to aid with him, asked for proof of certain tenets, in securing them against future want. The at the same time explaining his own views. system is regarded as a preventive measure against both poverty and crime.

#### Things Not Generally Known.

The "Seven Wonders of the World" were the Egyptian Pyramids, the Temple of Diana at Ephesus, the Hanging-Gardens of Babylon, the Colossus of Rhodes, the Statue of Jupiter Olympus at Elis, the Temple of Belus and Lake Moris.

The British royal coat-of-arms, with its rampant lion and unicorn, has been a common feature of English advertising in type A teaspoonful of charcoal in half a glass of warm water often relieves a sick head. It absorbs the gases and relieves the ache. It absorbs the gases and relieves the distance of a temporal processing against the distance of the consent of the first article offered you, but find out just the lit. Without the consent of either royalty or

Douglas, Bishop of Dunkeld. It was the brilliant martial air whose notes kindled the war flame in the breasts of Bruce's army as he led them on to the field of Bannockburn.

The quotation "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" is from Laurence Sterne's "Sentimental Journey." It is probable, however, that Sterne, who was intimately acquainted with French literature and is thought to have imitated Rabelais, paraphrased Henri Estienne, a writer of the latter part of the sixteenth century, in whose "Premices" is found the sentence, Dieu mesure le froid a la brebis tondue.

"Uncle Sam" as a nickname for the United States arose during the war of 1812 as Troy, N. Y. Samuel Wilson, an inspector of army supplies, who was widely What is the par value of a Southern known as "Uncle Sam," having marked a lish nation was first personified as "John Bull" in a political satire by Dr. John Arbuthnot, published in 1713, and intended to ridicule the Duke of Marlborough.

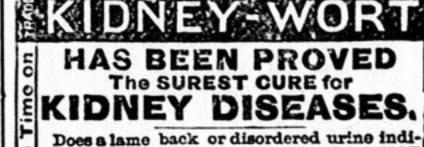
#### The Wise Father

A worldly father, after the style of Lord Chesterfield, is giving good advice to his son, who is about to enter society:

"And, above all, avoid flirtations. But Hop Bitters Co.—Birs,—I was given up by the if you must flirt or fall in love, sir, be sure that it is with a pretty woman. It is always " Why ?"

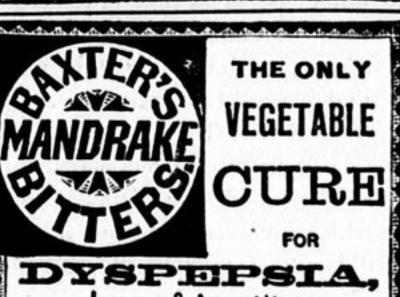
"Because some other fellow will be sure to be attracted and cut you out before any harm has been done."—London Post.

Mr. George W. Childs, the owner and editor of the Philadelphia Ledger, has his office back, up stairs, where he is not easily found. But it is a curiosity shop, filled with bric-a-brac.



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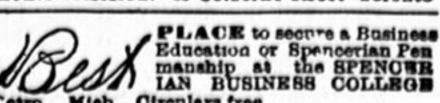
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