POETRY.

Out of Mourning.

Heard we gladly, "out of mourning, When bright Belle and Blanche Choo at last for their adorning Hues of almond branch. Blue of iris, gule of roses, Cross Care's sable line Sorrow's marble cup encloses

Consolation's wine.

And the low chant, "out of mourning." Heralds fresh'ning spring : 'Neath the rugged March wind's warning Gleams her emerald ring ; Silver crown with sapphire eyelets, Cestus rich with pearls; April's feet, dew-washed, the violets Wipe upon their curls.

Out of mourning! From their weaving, Sisters of the cloud, O'er bald de erts, wild storms cleaving, Bring the rainbow's shroud-Violet, deep blue, azure, golden, Orauge, burning red— Shroud that light and life have holden For the darkness, dead.

Out of mourning! Life-long vernal Love's "blue flower" gleams On the border of th' eternal Garment "without seams;" And forever " out of mourning " Sackcloth, ashes, earth, Drop at threshold of the dawning, And celestial birth.

Among the Dead:

My soul is sad to-day, I know not why ; Against my will, the brown leaves swirling Carry my eyes down with them to the ground: I cannot see the blue, unclouded sky.

Against my will, before my vision waves The hazy drapery of the golden air, In semblance of such veils as mourners wear Going with measured pace about new graves.

Sad cadences in mighty billows surge Around me like the billows of a sea Of melody; but still the melody Taketh the solemn beauty of a dirge.

I call on memory, and would fain go back With her to the glad season of my youth; But stumbling progress do we make, in sooth, Because of graves that lie across the track.

Well, it is well if sometimes we be led To sit in sp rit by some grassy mound, Or strew some tender thoughts, for flowers,

The quiet resting-places of our dead. If I, in truth, might lay my tired head Down soft y on the grave I love the best, As if it were upon my mother's breast,

know my sad soul would be comforted, :

What is Love?

(Translated from the German by S. Gale.) Of thy deep feelings, oh! my heart! I fain would question thee. Know'st thou this secret? What is love? Ah! then reveal it me. "It is two souls fast united, Bound by a magic spell-It is two hearts only beating Each thought, each wish to tell."

Then when is love the purest? Say, is that moment known? "Yes, when it quite forgets itself, And loves for love alone!" Canst tell when 'tis the deepest? Is't when both hearts are glad? "No; when they're still and silent, And others think them sad."

Once more—when is't the richest? When on bright hopes it lives? "No; when it offers everything-'Tis richest when it gives!" When does it fade?—for all things fade! When the spell is snapt and gone? "Never, indeed! though hearts may break, Love fades not-but loves on!

FAST LONDON LADIES.

Habits of the Princess of Wales and Princess Louise.

(London Correspondent 'Frisco Argonaut.) A fast woman in England is a totally different creature from her sister America. What is understood by the word in England when it is employed to a woman is an independent manner and self-possession not only beyond the bounds of affected prudery and straight-lacedness (as some claim), but give her a mannish style in all she says and does, of which horseishness It does not follow, nor is it necessary, that she should be a flirt (though, of course, she may be, being a woman), for her fastness. as such, does not lie in the direction of affection for the opposite sex. On the contrary, should there be any love exhibited by her one would expect it to be for another woman, instead of a man. In short, though she may be rough and load, and do things that shock one by their lack of feminine softness and refinement, ske is never immoral—that is to say, so far as her fastness is concerned. At all events, if she is, we should not describe her of chastity by the A forward, masculine woman take it, as distasteful to all men as must a bashful and effeminate man be to a woman. My object only is to point out the distinction that exists in both

Without these few remarks, as an explanatory preface, it would not be believed | the flour is cooked, but then you will. when I say that in her own quiet way the Princess of Wales is fast. That is to gay, she has a good time of her own, and picks out all the good-looking fellows to dance with at a ball. Of course, I know she is very dignified and cold, and all that sort of thing-in public. She can't well be otherwise with the eyes of Europe upon her: But in private, when staying at a country house with a jolly party, it is safe to say she is as larky as the rest of them. There is another thing, too, that people seem to forget when they hold her up as such an icy paragon; and that is that she wears her gowns as decollete as an opera bouffe actress. I know she set her face against the sleeveless garments, and why? No one would wait long enough for an answer who saw her arms. The Princess Louise is decidedly fast. She talks unblushingly with men on subjects which are usually curled and fastened together like a small supposed to come exclusively within the paper bag with the top opened and pointed, masculine province of discussion, and can and arranged around a stuffed circular tives. These tokens of sympathy and appreciate the point of a joke whose re. cushion of brown velvet or velveteen, with cital would have delighted Dean Swift, or a frayed row of gold-colored silk sewed would make some other women's hair round the centre, which is studded with stand on ends. She has a jolly, hearty pins. The whole is the size of a large real

A WEASEL'S SINGULAR FATE.—A Biddeford gentleman found in his woodshed a dead man. If we just want to agonize him we weasel with his tongue frozen to an axe say: "I out a mighty pleasant notice of blade. The axe has been used in cutting you out of some paper this morning, but tempting to secure a piece of the meat which | wants to know what paper it was and we adhered to the blade, had singularly met can't remember, and it drives him nearly his death .- Boston Journal.

The Prince of Wales has an income of is said to require management and occa- observations, heliographs for signalling, sional spasms of retrenchment to enable pontoon trains and other scientific rethem to live within their means.

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

Decorations that will Make the House More Beautiful.

THE LATEST RECIPES.

Bay Window Decoration.

A novel decoration is a wheelbarrow, ordinary gardener's size. Fill it with flower-pots containing flowers, hiding the pots with green moss. Round the edges inside fix a wooden trough, and in this and all along plant hanging creepers and lycopodium; also some ivy, and let this latter fall over the wheel. After the flowers are arranged, gild the barrow on the outside. It is best to get the dry gilding powder, two packages of bronze and four of the yellow gilt packages, with a liquid that comes for mixing with it. Use a tlat camel's hair brush an inch wide. When the gilt is thoroughly dry, varnish the surface with white varnish and it will retain its bright-Stand on a bright red rug or mat.

Arrangement of Curtains.

muslin full. About midway between the result of disgusting old-fashioned shoppers, top and bottom tie a ribbon around the who test a fabric by its weight, as well as muslin, make a retty bow and let it come by a peculiarly horrible way of trying to next to the glass. Tie the ribbon so close scrape a hole in it with the thumb-nail. that the muslin will be drawn in at the Minds open to more enlightened imprescentre, let the muslin hang loosely and sions were soon, however, convinced of the no other windows in the hall, plenty of other cloths; but, unfortunately, they light will be admitted by this arrangement. Dotted muslin is preferred to plain.

Fancy Basket. Shallow open basket of wicker-work coved with a clear coru-colored satin, tufted. I'ne flower pattern is worked on the ground as follows: The centre flower with coral silk of three shades, in satin stitch, and gold bronze in overcast stitch; the separate point russe and chain stitches with red silk, and the calyx with reseda wool. The rest of the flower with three shades of blue in buttonhole stitch, and gold bronze in overcast stitch. The vine leaves, tendrils and arabesques with several shades of olive and reseda crewels; the raised spots in satin stitch with crimson silk. scollops at the lower edge are worked with brown crewels. The basket is finished with bright chenile, braided with silk pompons. The edge is decorated with long tassels made of bright-colored worsteds and silk. The handle is twisted with satin ribbon and tied in full bows at each end. The basket can be gilded, and looks much

Original Recipes.

brighter.

To canvas hams.—When the hams are smoked ready for canvasing roll them in stiff paper. Cut your brown muslin to fit ence on the dances of the day. The jerky programme which is arranged for this them, and sew it on with a large needle valse, now in so much vogue, would soon financial year will show that Lord Northand yellow ochre, and with a small white-

and a half sugar, half-cup butter, half-cup graceful would cease to be irritated by the navy, twelve vessels were ordered to be conmilk, half-teaspoonful soda, one teaspoonful sudden swing and the violent onslaught of structed, and in mest cases were commenced, cream tartar, two cups flour, whites of two couples engaged in the arduous trois-tempt. and at the present time there are, in adeggs, half-cup of sugar beaten together. Let such as these hope for the abolition of dition to the number just mentioned, Bake in jellycake tins, frost each layer and the high-heeled dancing-shoe, even though seven others on the stocks, which were excellent.

Delicious Hot Cake for Tea.—Beat two eggs to a froth, add to them half a cupful | London Standard. of sugar. Into one cupful of sour cream beat half a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in boiling water. Stir it into the eggs and sugar. Add a pinch of salt and flour enough to make it a thick batter for griddle cakes. Bake in "gem pans" or shallow biscuit paus, and serve piping hot.

and slang are the usual accompaniments. | agreeable and nourishing To one quart of aweet milk allow nearly half a cupful of cracked wheat; put it in a pudding dish and bake slowly for two hours, stirring it several times. If you choose to do so you but most people prefer it well salted, and to eat with a little cream and sugar. This is rice, both warm and cold.

Domestic and Useful.

Never neglect a cold. The attack may not seem severe, but a cold is a cold, and therefore an enemy to be looked after with the greatest watchfulness.

To ensure the cracking of pork being crisp and eating short, just before the pork is done moisten the skin all over with a little so, an' he said he'd have that soss or die. went straightway and filed a petition for

countries as to the meaning and application | that if flour is kept in a closet with onions | inter the loft. W'en his senses come to court she laughed and said: " I like or cabbage it will absorb unpleasant odors from them; you may not notice this until cum down, but if he makes a break afore and laughed again. Are all women

> fashionable, and her interest in its manufacture is again instanced by the action of the the bridal dress of her granddaughter. Princess Victoria, of Hesse.

To Whiten Linen that has Turned Yel low .- Take a pound of fine white soap, cut it up into a gallon of milk, and hang it over the fire in a wash-kettle. When the soap has quite melted put in the linen, and boil for half an hour. Now take it out, having already a lather of soap and warm water ; wash the linen in it, and then rinse it through two cold waters, with a very little blue in the last.

Pincushions.—Pretty round pincushions can be made in semblance of a sunflower. Make the petals of yellow cloth, each one

Oh, yes, it is easy to cast a gloom over to madness.

In the attack on Bacninh the French \$500,000 a year, and his wife \$50,000, yet it forces made use of captive balloons for sources.

TOO HEAVY DRESSES.

The Troubles Which Fashion Heaps on the Fair Sex.

The chief particular in which the dress of our day errs against common sense is the excessive weight that characterizes it, owing to the quantity of material now used for dresses. "Silk is sold by the acre now, is it not?" asked a gentleman in the days of round orinoline and distended skirts, referring to the quantity needed for a gown, and the satire is applicable now, though even the duodecimo edition of crinoline known as the crinolette is no longer known. The stuff is absorbed in occasionally incoherent trimmings and too often relevant draperies. It needs skill-and skill is too costly to be at the command of any but the wealthy-to produce a costume that shall have the air of being elaborately trimmed, and yet be light enough to wear without inconvenience during a brisk walk. It has been within the experience of thousands of Englishwomen during the last few years, to have chosen a fabric, selected the style of making, and decided upon the trimming, with the result of a gown delightful to look upon, but im-A tasteful way to arrange the narrow possible to wear. Thus arose the demand curtains at each side of a hall door is to for woolen materials, combining warmth make them of muslin or of lace, gather and lightness, a demand which was them at the top and bottom, have the promptly responded to, with the occasional have had the effect of encouraging, rather than discouraging, elaborate trimmings. Thus, the fact remains that for the million unduly heavy dresses are the rule. It seems absurd that fourteen or fifteen yards are needed to make a gown for a woman, while about five yards are sufficient to make a great coat for a man. It is tortunate, in view of this fact, that trained dresses are worn only at dinner and in the form of tea-gowns. The added weight and inconvenience of a train, which must be held in the hand, would render a walk a penance instead of a pleasure. It may be hoped that fashion will never reintroduce the long skirt for out-door work. It has nothing to recommend it, even from the point of view of the dressmaker, who has now found it possible to crowd all bearable trimmings upon the limited surface of the short dress. When trains first went out, leaving the feet plainly visible, coquetry brought them more prominently into many is reorganizing her's; Russia is fast evidence by the introduction of the strengthening her's; and Italy is developnow almost entirely disappeared from the fact, recognizing the necessity of having walking gear of the fashionably dressed; heavily armored ships, fitted with modern or resist its power, and yet it is and there is even a gleam of hope that high ordnance and carrying trained crews. The heels may vanish from the ball-room before British Admiralty are not unconscious of long; and, with them, their peculiar influ- this significant fact, and the constructive be consigned to oblivion, together with the brook and his colleagues are also alive to sharp little "tap-tap" of the narrow, the importance of increased expenditure, wash brush cover them well with it. Hang elongated heel of the fashionable shoe; and rather than retrenchment, in the building those who realize that even ball-room of line-of-battle ships. During 1883, four-Snow-Flake Cake.—Three eggs, one cup dancing might be softly poetic and dreamily teen vessels were launched for Her Majesty's sprinkle with grated cocoanut. This is it be followed by the mournful elegies of under construction prior to the commencethose deficient in stature though not in the ment of last year. The vessels now in

A Dakota Domestic Blizzard.

The other day a Bismarck gentleman was coming up from Standing Rock, and stopped to see a man who lives near the twin screw steel armor-plated barbette Cannon-Ball River. In response to his ships, each of 9,600 tons and engines of knock at the door he heard a shrill, sharp, 7,500 horse power, to carry ten guns each; Pudding made of cracked wheat is very "Come in!" and on entering found a sharp-faced, angular woman sitting in the namely, 7,390 tons, but with engines of room under an open scuttle-hole leading greater horse power-namely, 8,000, and a into the loft above, with a shot-gun on her knee. "Is the gentleman of the house in?" he asked. "Yes, sir, he air." "Can I can add raisins and cinnamon for flavoring, see him a moment?" "No, sir; you can't see a hide nor hair of 'm!" "Why can't I, madam? I would like to speak to him on business." "If you was a dyin', and Jim was the only doctor in Dakoty, yo eigner sought to tear himself away from a couldn't set an eye on him till he give in an' young and pretty wife, who had proved to talks decent. At dinner a while ago he told be more of a torment than a blessing, calls me to pass in the apple soss, an' I tol' up the above question. He wanted to be him it wasn't soss, but sass, an' he said he forever rid of her because she laughed at knowed better, it was soss, an' I tol' him him. Her "silvery peals" of "ringing that w'en he tuk a notion that a little apple | laughter " made life a burden to him, until sass'd feel soothin' to his stomach to say he finally told ber to "glear owut," and butter, dredge it with flour, and place it Then I tol'd him I'd defend that sass with a divorce. She beamed with smiles in the life, an' made a break for the shotgun, an' court-room, and when the judge asked her It may not be known to some housewives he made a break up through the scuttle why she laughed at her husband in open him, an' he gives in that sass is sass, he kin to laugh; I was born to be merry," that, off goes the top of his head. That "born that way?" asks the Bos-Irish poplin is likely to be once more sets the sass, stranger, and thar's Jim up ton Globe. They certainly laugh a great deal iu the loft, an' that's the way the matter more than men do. It was a mistake to call stands jist now, an' I reckon you'd better them "the sad sisterhood." They are the Queen, who has selected this material for mosey along and not get mixed inter the laughing sex. Notice them in conversation row!" As the gentleman moved away he either with their own or the other sex. heard her voice saying: "Jim, w'en you Their faces are invariably wreathed with get tired o' your durn foolin' an' want this smiles, and they laugh incessantly. Is it sass, jes' squeal out!" And a gruff voice habit, or is it the result of a more from the darksome garret responded " Soss !"-Bismarck (Dak.) Tribune.

A Wife Murderer's Welcome.

An interesting ceremony took place a Birmingham, England, recently, on the occasion of the "home-coming" of a man named Hall after twenty years' penal servitude for wife murder. Thousands of people, it is stated, met Hall at the railway station and gave him an enthusiastic reception, greeting him with loud cheers until he was driven off in a cab with his relaesteem must have somewhat surprised Hall. Wife murder was twenty years ago looked upon as a rather serious offence, even when, as in the case of Hall, it was committed under circumstances of extreme provocation.

The coming Rosa Bonheur is said to be beet in the morning, and the animal, in at. I've lost it." And then he frantically is Von Marcke, the cattle painter. She has night plan. If not allowed to drink between had in the salon a life-size picture of a dog morning and noon they become extremely which showed a strong original touch. thirsty, and will overload their stomach study sheep and cattle painting, in which digest quickly. she evinces like power.

meeting of the S. P. G.

WOMAN'S CURIOSITY.

What Excited It in Japan—Corects Not in

In the country house of a ruined daimio, where we obtained lodging and entertainment, writes an English lady travelling in Japan, I was a cause of much amusement. A number of ladies were invited to meet me at afternoon nice (the name for dinner.) They sat on their heels around the little table which I used as a chair. My feet were stretched out before me. The hostess with, as I took it, many apologies, began to inspect my boots. As her curiosity was keen, I drew them off. All the ladies pounced upon them, and some of them asked leave to fit them on. Before doing this, they caused bowls of hot water to be fetched, washed their feet carefully and dried them by fanning them, which made the wet evaporate quickly. As they all had children's feet, my boots were awkwardly big and more ridiculous than I can say. The ladies next handled my skirt and coreage, and, to oblige them, I took them off. The petticoats had their turn, then my stockings, which they did not laugh at, after them my buckled elastic garters, and last my stays. Japanese politeness here broke down. Every one shook and cried with laughter in looking at the stays. One of the ladies had picked up some French at Osaka (a treaty port), and explained to me that the others wished to know whether the stays had been invented to serve as a cuirass to protect fair Europeans from rude men, or was it worn as a penitential garment to expiate sins? I said: "No, but to beautify the figure." gracefully, not in stiff folds. If there are value of these viougnas, serges, tweeds, and This answer convulsed them. A stayedup woman affected their impressionable and well-educated eyes as something monstrougly ugly and absurd. Japanese dress is beautiful, and so easy. There was yet another question to be answered. There are, so far as I know, neither cows nor goats in Japan. Children are not, therefore, weaned until they are nearly big enough to go to school. I had noticed that poor little Miss Mite was an object of general commiseration. I did not know why. The reason came out when my stays were being examined. They were a barrier between the mother and the child, which was cut off by them from its lacteal rights. I told them that we delegated the nursing duties to poor wemen and cows. I am afraid I was imperfectly translated, for I saw that I was for a moment an object of horror.

England's Necessity. France is reconstructing her navy; Gerambition of preferring a tall partner .- progress, some of which are in a forward state for launching, include a sixteen-gun screw corvette, built of steel and iron, cased with wood, 2,770 tons and 3,000 horse power engines; a fourteen-gun screw composite corvette, of 1,420 tons, with engines of 950 horse power; three a similar vessel, but of less tonnageten-gun double screw steel second class steam cruiser, of 3,750 tons, with engines of 5,000 horse power.

Why do Women Laugh?

A divorce case in which an elderly forhighly organized nervous system—what the superior scientists contemptuously call an "hysterical organization"—or is it the woman's inborn desire to please finding expression by seeming interested and amused, or is it that a woman really is more easily amused than a man? Perhaps it is a combination of all four. At any rate, it forms as distinctive a line between the sexes as any of the common peculiarities which are supposed to characterize one sex or the other.

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Horses hard at work need water much Miss Strong, of San Francisco. Her teacher | more frequently than the morning, noon, or Then she went to live in the country to with water, so that their food will not

Queen Victoria's well-known objection to The Bishop of Ontario will shortly leave | making poor men peers gave way in the case for England in order to attend the annual of Lord Tennyson. His eldest son is a clerk in a public office.

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