

HOUSEHOLD.

Gracie Song

O whither away is the isle of dreams, The silent isle of dreams!

O, what will you do in the isle of dreams, The golden isle of dreams?

O, how do you get to the isle of dreams? The drowsy isle of dreams?

An Ideal Picture.

The husband and wife were first attracted to each other by that "strong, forceful element of soul power"—sympathy.

The Art of Saying No.

I was sitting with a friend once, says a mother who writes in the Christian at Work, when her twelve-year-old boy sprang into the room, eager and impetuous.

The boy did not see me in his absorption, and he straightened himself defiantly.

"I know it," she answered gently, "but your father has decided that you are not a good enough swimmer to go into the water without him, and he cannot go with you this afternoon.

"Mother," said he, "I just love you."

"O yes," answered his mother cordially; "and there are fresh cookies in the cookie-jar. You may take some for both of you."

"So do I, Tom," she answered quickly. And then Master Tom dashed out of the room.

"No; and don't you ask me again."

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Is it not worth while for busy, preoccupied mothers to thus make it "easy to mind" them, as far as possible?

The Hammock as a Crib.

I wonder, says a writer in the Nursery Guide, how many of our sister mothers have discovered what an advantage it is to possess a hammock.

For a Journey.

In your traveling bag are not only the little things that you will need on your journey, but a sufficient number of your belongings for use, in case your baggage should not arrive in time.

If you are delicate and in the habit of taking any medicine you will have your medicine bottle with its glass fitted over paper tight over the cork.

The wise girl knows that nothing is quite so desirable for wear in the sleeping-car as a wrapper of dark-colored flannel.

Strawberry Preserve.

The old-fashioned strawberry preserve is by many preferred to all other confections of this fruit.

The Spanish language has a word of nine letters, which spelled backward or forward suffers no alteration in its orthography.

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burning and a saucer or plate which keeps the can from direct contact with the heat of the stove, which would strike through the pan and crack the glass.

Sometimes strawberries are dried in sugar, but this is almost equivalent to a preserve, and they must of necessity be very rich.

There is a general idea that the United States president's salary of \$50,000 a year is all that he receives.

The royal crown of Roumania is made of bronze, the metal having once done service in the shape of cannon.

Prof. Barnard's recent photograph of the Milky Way shows the existence of 500,000,000 suns, each supposed to be the centre of a system of planets.

Texas is large enough to give all the population in the world standing room, and it is said that if all the people of the United States were crowded into Kansas, California and Nebraska, those states would not be more thickly settled than England is now.

Some one of a curiously mathematical turn has calculated that a pound of spider's webbing unwound would be long enough to reach round the world, with enough left over to reach from New York to San Francisco.

Last year 2,750 persons sent in claims for the maple sugar bounty offered by the U.S. government. This year 3,950 persons are entitled to bounties, and they will receive in the aggregate about \$70,000.

Many of the South Sea Islanders believe that Paradise can be inherited only by persons of perfect physical form.

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A MONTREAL MIRACLE.

Facts Proved to be Stranger than Fiction.

The Remarkable Cure of a Long-Time Sufferer—Rheumatism of Ten Years' Standing—Permanently Cured—A Story Full of Interest to Other Sufferers.

Impressed with the persistency with which the most astonishing accounts of cures effected through the agency of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in almost all the newspapers of Canada and the United States, to satisfy himself generally of the genuineness of these cures, determined to investigate a case for himself, which had recently been brought to his notice, where the cure was claimed to be due entirely to the efficacy of this medicine.

"You don't look as though you had been suffering a great deal lately, Mr. Granville," said the reporter, accepting the invitation of his host to be seated.

"Well, no, you would scarcely suppose from my present appearance and activity that I had just recovered from a most acute attack of chronic rheumatism, which kept me in bed for over two weeks."

"I was in Chicago that I had my first attack, and I remember the circumstances very well. While walking on the street I was suddenly seized with a violent pain in my left leg, which continued to grow worse until I could walk no longer, and was compelled to call a cab and be driven home.

"I must have tried a hundred so-called cures, and never experienced any beneficial results until I came across Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I must frankly confess that at the outset I had no great faith in the pills. I had tried so many medicines, all to no purpose, but I was willing to give them a trial anyway, so I sent out to the drug store on the corner and got a supply. I followed the directions carefully and soon experienced relief, and before I had been taking the Pink Pills long I was able to get out of bed, and although I was still a little stiff the pain had almost completely disappeared. I am still taking the pills, and shall keep on taking them for some time, and furthermore I don't intend to be without them in the future."

"Then you ascribe your relief entirely to the efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," suggested the reporter.

"I most certainly do, and Mr. Curtis, the druggist on Beary street, will verify what I have said."

The reporter next visited Mr. H. H. Curtis, the druggist referred to, whose place of business is at 291 Beary street, and interrogated him with reference to the case. Mr. Curtis stated that he knew of Mr. Granville's ailment and that he had suffered for years, and he had no doubt Pink Pills did all Mr. Granville said. He further said that Pink Pills had a very large sale, and gave universal satisfaction. The reporter then withdrew, quite satisfied with the result of his investigation.

The Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are manufactured by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., of Brockville, Ont., and Schenectady, N. Y., a firm of unquestioned reliability. Pink Pills are not sold upon a patent medicine, but rather as a prescription. An analysis of their properties shows that these pills are an unfailing specific for all diseases arising from an impoverished condition of the blood, or from an impairment of the nervous system, such as loss of appetite, depression of spirits, anemia, chlorosis or green sickness, general muscular weakness, dizziness, loss of memory, palpitation of the heart, nervous headache, locomotor ataxia, paralysis, sciatica, rheumatism, St. Vitus' dance, the after effects of la grippe, all diseases depending upon a vitiated condition of the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. They are also a specific for the troubles peculiar to the female system, correcting irregularities, suppressions and all forms of female weakness, building anew the blood and restoring the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork, or excesses of any nature. These pills are not a purgative medicine. They contain only life giving properties and nothing that could injure the most delicate system. They act directly on the blood, supplying its life-giving qualities, by assisting it to absorb oxygen, that great supporter of all organic life. In this way the blood, becoming "built up" and being supplied with its lacking constituents, becomes rich and red, nourishes the various organs, stimulating them to activity in the performance of their functions and thus eliminates disease from the system.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold only in boxes bearing the firm's trade mark and wrapper, (printed in red ink). Bear in mind that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are never sold in bulk, or by the dozen or

hundred, and any dealer who offers substitutes in this form is trying to defraud you and should be avoided. The public are also cautioned against all other so-called blood-builders and nerve tonics, put up in similar form intended to deceive. They are all imitations whose makers hope to reap a pecuniary advantage from the wonderful reputation achieved by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Ask your dealer for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and refuse all imitations and substitutes.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company from either address, at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50. The price at which these pills are sold makes a course of treatment comparatively inexpensive as compared with other remedies or medical treatment.

A PRISON HORROR IN SIAM.

Eleven Men Shot Dead.

From the Siam Free Press we learn that a most serious and determined effort was made recently by a number of the most desperate of the prisoners located in the new jail to get free. In the large enclosure facing the Khong, and behind the main buildings, are four workshops devoted to sawmill work, basket and chair making and a prison wash-house. As the enclosure and workshops are commanded by two turrets or watch towers some 200 yards apart, in which a military guard does duty, the only vulnerable point of attack for the intending mutineers appeared to be a small gate entrance in an angle of the enclosure. The gate in question was plated with metal and padlocked, and was further secured by an iron bar running into a wooden fastening, which barricaded it from the outside. With such difficulties before them and with the rifles of the guards menacing them, the desperate character of the mutineers may readily be guessed. The men had evidently arranged their plan of action well before hand. The signal for the rising was the seizure of a native warder by one of the most powerful of the gang, and the setting fire to the workshops. This was done, and with the arms in his hand, the warder pinioned tightly behind his back, the desperate band advanced, pushing on before them the unfortunate warder as a shield between them and the force of the guard on the nearest turret, only a score or so of paces away. The soldier, however, fired at the warder's captor, and the bullet after passing the official's shoulder, entered the face of his assailant, killing him on the spot. A rush was now made to the small door directly under the turret, and from which the guard was unable to fire upon the mutineers. Plying their axes, knives, and stinks, secured from the workshops, with desperate energy the padlock was broken from the door, the fastening of the iron bar torn out, and a rush was made for liberty. In the meantime the alarm was given, and the guard, turning out, opened fire on the band. In the fusillade which was now poured in 11 prisoners were shot dead and six wounded severely. Twenty-five in all contrived to get out of the prison walls, and 24 of these have been recaptured. One is still at liberty. In the meantime the firing and flames had caused a stampede, or a rush to escape—which is not exactly known—among the prisoners in the portion devoted to odd work, and also among the prisoners in the quadrangle used by the workers in iron, wood and jewelry. A rush was made for this last portion from all sides, and the heavy gate having been beaten in, mutineers and others were safe from the bullets of the soldiers. Intelligence of the rising having spread, Prince Ong Noi, armed with sword and carbine, Prince Nara, Prince Naret, Chou Phya Bhaskarawongse, Phya Montri, &c., were soon on the spot, and superintended the capture of the prisoners and the extinguishing of the flames. Among the officials of the jail only two were wounded—a warder shot through the upper right arm by accident, and another badly hurt by blows from bamboo sticks. There were in all working in the portion of the building where the emule took place 350 men, many of them being Chinamen engaged in the prison wash-house. It is strange only one Chinaman as far as is known took part in the rising. This is the fourth disturbance in the new jail, which has proved a source of trouble and danger to the authorities since its erection and opening in 1899. In that a daring escape occurred two months ago, and which was not publicly recorded at the time. Two of the prisoners contrived to secure two stout bamboos of about 10 feet in length in their room and a stout coil of rope. They next contrived to enlarge the small ventilator on a level with the floor in the top storey of the building. Squeezing their bodies through this, and by no means of bamboos and ropes and the friendly assistance of a newly erected shed, the prisoners scaled the walls and have not been heard of.

To Detect Adulterated Milk.

The milkman who waters his goods generally does so under the impression that the water poured incorporates itself with the milk, and cannot be detected except upon chemical analysis. This shows gross ignorance. The milk will hold only its own fluid; all foreign fluid will be precipitated if the mixture is allowed to stand for a couple of days. You may detect a dishonest milkman with very little trouble. Take a long, slender bottle, cleanse it thoroughly, and let it dry out. If then it is filled with milk, and allowed to stand in a cool—not cold—place for forty-eight hours, all the foreign fluid will be precipitated; that is, it will settle to the bottom of the bottle. The sour milk will then fill the middle of the bottle, and the fatty substance will be floating on top. Sometimes the top will be a layer of cream, then will come a layer of albumen, another artificial device to make the milk look rich; then will come the soured milk, and at the bottom will be the foreign water. The whole scheme of deception can be read by a glance at the bottle, after one has had a single lesson in the rudiments of milk inspection. This sort of work is not scientifically satisfactory, but it will always develop fundamental fact—whether or not the milk is normal.

The Japanese and Chinese languages are entirely different, yet so many Chinese words are used in Japan that scarcely a line in a Japanese newspaper is without at least one Chinese word. In Japanese novels the Japanese equivalent for the many Chinese words is always given.