#### IN THE ODD CORNER.

SOME QUEER AND CURIOUS PHASES OF LIFE.

Cow a Wyoming Hanging Was Done to Slow Musle-Travels of a Bullet-Do Foxes Enjoy the Hunt?-The Editor's Apology.



ROM dainty feet to parted hair, My lady is a sunbeam snare; And all the flowers look up at her And think she is

a fairer flower, Such laughing beauty is her dower.

Such love dreams in her brown cyes

In midair poised to hear her sing, The skylark hovers quivering. And all the leaves that shift and sigh Seem whispering of her loveliness.

While softest winds her curls caresa, And kiss her mouth as oft as I!

All men and women as we meet Are glad and swift to serve my sweet; And others crushed in crowded marts, lunk low in sin and misery.

der lily hands lift tenderly-And these, too, call her "Queen of Hearts."

#### Hanged to Slow Music.

In the early days of Wyoming, when there were but few churches and many infractions of law, a man by the name of Barstow, who never knew fear, and was a devout Christian, was elected to the office of sheriff. Soon after Barstow entered upon the duties of his office a man was convicted for a capital crime.

The fact that there was no minister within reach preyed upon the mind of the sheriff, who undertook to supply the lack by holding an hour's Bible reading in the condemned man's cell and praying with him. As the time for the hanging approached Barstow became possessed of the fear that he had not acquitted himself of the spiritual responsibility devolving upon him, and devised a program that was new and unique. After the victim of the law's mandate was placed upon the platform and everything was in readiness, the scieriff prayed long and fervently. Then he called for some one to start a hymn, and a man near the platform began the only one he knew: "I Want to Be an Angel," in which the prisoner joined. As the last verse was sung the sheriff busied himself adjusting the noose, and immediately upon ts conclusion the trap was sprung.

#### Travets of a Buttet.

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R. H. Campbell of the Madras Civil corps tells of an incident which came under his official notice as magistrate of Hosan, Madras, A European was bunting black buck on a hillside when he got a shot with his Martini-Henry carbine.

In a valley 1,500 yards away beyond two rather high hills and a little beyond, a native was standing with his head bowed and hands clasped behind his back. The bullet broke the wrist of his hand. In the investigation that collowed the course of the bullet was raced accurately. In firing at the an elope the bullet had hit a stone on the hillside and gone bounding end over end over the first hills. At the next hill another place where the bullet struck was found. Here it leaped up into the air almost perpendicularly, and when it came down in the rice field It hit the man's wrist, broke the bone, cut a gash in his body and dropped to the ground a spent ball. The most dangerous bullet, save the one in a socalled isn't-loaded gun, is the one that goes ricochetting through the air.

## Do Foxes Enjoy the Hant?

P. H. Bryson raises a question in the tive, hale and hearty. American Field which is sure to bring out considerable discussion among fox hunters. He wants to know if foxes enjoy being run by dogs. He believes that they do. "If you think the fox does not enjoy the run you have only to look at a fresh fox as it passes. His yes are dilated with pleasure-no ear there-and brush vibrating defiintly in the face of his pursuers, in full command of his mental faculties, and ising brain as well as heels." This same fox exercises cunning and craft to escape instead of dropping into a hole when it would be safe from the dog's fangs. Many a fox has lost his life rather than escape into a hole, seeming almost to regard the earth escape as disgraceful, to be resorted to in the direct stress only.

Bryson tells of a vixen which, with her whelps, ran a long way and then the youngsters, being tired, went into a hole while she continued the race for hours, finally escaping into the same hole with her young.

## The Editor's Apology.

"Wx hopx," said the leading article in a western paper, apologetically, "that our rxadexs will pardon this wxxks issux and thx sxxmingly mysextious absence of a exciain letter.

"Shooting Sam Bibbxr camx into our office yxstxrday and stated that as hx was going to shoot and had no ammulition, hx would likx to borrow somx of our type for shot. Before we could culiar habit their waters have of ebbpravant it ha grabbad all the latters out of the most important box and disappxarxd.

"Our subscribxrs can hxlp to rxpixnish our stock if all those who were ing wells.

shot by Sam will savx the charge when it is picked out of them and return it to us. Nxvxr mind if it is battxrxd a littlx."--Press and Printer.

#### the Wants to He a Stowaway.

The officials of the Bremen line in Hoboken and the United States marshal there are puzzled over the persistency of a woman, who on three occasions has tried to stow herself away on the ocean steamers that the up at the Hoboken docks. Twice when she went to the docks she was plainly, almost shabbily attired, says the New York Herald. On her third visit, however, she was expensively dressed and seemed to have plenty of money. The marshal says he thinks the woman is of good family, who for some myaterious reason wishes to return to her native land unknown. Her face is that of a foreigner, and she speaks four languages fluently. All she will say about herself is that her name is Durend, and that she came from New Orleans.

The Fulda was lying at the Bremen docks early last week and in one of the staterooms a stewardess found a woman one afternoon. She was making herself comfortable and seemed to resent the intrusion of the stewardess. The latter called the chief steward who questioned the stranger.

"I don't see why you annoy me," she said calmly. "I have a right here. My name is Durend, and I am traveling with the Van Pelt family." "Where are your tickets?" asked the

steward. "In my trunk," the woman replied, and the steward left the stateroom. He searched the passenger list in vain for the name Van Pelt or the name Durend. Then he went back to the stateroom and turned Mrs. Durend over to United States Marshal Bernhard. He

compelled her to leave the ship. The officials in charge of the dock thought no more of the matter till last Sunday. The Trave was then tied up to the Hoboken pier. John Occhslin, the chief steward, was awakened about 4 o'clock in the morning by screams that came from the cabin of the stewardess. He found the lady on the verge of hysteria, Mrs. Durend was in her cabin. She had coolly entered it and attempted to drive its rightful tenant out. Occhslin escorted the intruder to

the pier and left her. She again appeared at the docks and attempted to steal aboard the steamship Trave. She was not at first recognized, owing to her rich attire. She had been plainly dressed upon the two previous occasions. She was again turned over to Marshal Bernhard and removed from the dock.

#### Pestruction Caused by Bagpipes.

A Scotch Highlander, dressed in kilts and carrying a set of bagpipes under his arm, appeared at Bar Harbor the other night and next morning at 8 o'clock strolled up Main street in search of a good place to try the bags on the natives. It is years since the uncapny music of the canny Scot has been played there, and it had a wonderful effect, the first tune causing no less than five simultaneous runaways among horses and the wrecking of two wagons and sets of harness. The bagpiper stopped in the middle of the tune to see the fun, and after he saw the destruction that one tune had wrought he let the wind out of the pipes and took the 10:30 o'clock boat for Banger.

## She Shears Sheep at 77.

In this section the field of woman's usefulness is widening, and the old notion that her place is in the kitchen is being dispelled, says a Richmond, Ky., correspondent. This county has a colored woman who is a brick and stone mason by trade and is an expert in that line. The county comes to the front again with another woman. She is Mrs. Rhoda Cox of the Panola section. A few days since she wanted her sheep sheared and, finding no man who would do the work, went to the sheep sheds and performed the work herself. The job was neatly done, and the fifteen sheep were soon separated from their fleece. Mrs. Cox is 77 years old and ac-

## A Wonderful Flower.

The most wonderful flower in the world, as well as one of the very largest "blossoms" known, is a native of the Malay peninsula. It is simply a gigantic flower without either stem or leaves, and has more the appearance of a fungus than anything else. It is about three feet in diameter and has a globular central cup which has a capacity of nearly two gallons. This cup is always filled with a fetid liquor which attracts an immense swarm of flies and other insects. The pistils of this queer flower distill the liquid and it is believed that the rank odor attracts the flies in order that the flower may be fertilized.

## Nested Over a Doorway.

Inside the porch of a doorway of a house in Jesmund, England, a pair of greybirds built their nest. The passing in and out of the people residing in the house did not seem to disconcert the "happy couple," who helped themselves to some feathers placed at their disposal. The greybird, or song thrush, often chooses a singular place as nesting site.

## Tide Wells in Nebraska.

Out in Polk county, Nebraska, and it. some of the adjoining countles, they have a queer lot of wells. They are handsome model is made up in a soft called "tide wells," because of a peing and flowing, just as if they were connected with a great underground ocean. Polk county alone has between twelve and twenty of these queer roar-

## WOMAN'S CORNER.

INTERESTING READING FOR DAMES AND DAMSELS.

Carrent Notes of the Modes-A Young Lady's Dinner Dress -- Costumes for Summer Travel-A Dashing Gown of Mohair.



HE most charming rials is labeled the side. "canvas." It comes in such delightful colors, seeming to accept with special

fullness is somewhat modified and its succumbing to its charms. Mohair no conduct altogether less aggressive. It longer means the plain material; slopes gently outward from the hips comes this season in all manner of toward the ground, and carries in its stripes and small figures, while the train, or rather want of train, less latest novelty shows an open-work bar weight than did its predecessor, the journing through it. As dashing a skirt of yesteryear. Sleeves seen in gown of this stuff as has been shown newest models from Paris are smaller is made up in wood brown plain moand fit tightly to the arm six inches hair, with a bodice decoration of open above the elbow, exhibiting their fullness only at the top, and sometimes yoke of creamy embroidered mousseline dispensing with it there and permitting de soie. The flaring octagon skirt is a plaited epaulet to supply the ne es- utterly devoid of decoration and is sary width on the shoulder, without which we have not yet made up our minds that life is possible.

session, especially for young women, but it wears badly, calls for a founda- | dainty yoke, both back and front, to the tion of silk or satin, and demands jew- | waist, where it is finished by a belt eled embroideries, etc. Jeweled em- of the same. The leg-o'-mutton sleeves

coat back. An appliqued design in velvet forms a vest, while along the edge of the jacket extends a narrow gimp of black jet. The sleeves are pronouncedly small, and cut in the regular coat sleeve fashion, with but little fullness at the top.

With this smart gown is worn a bit of a hat with an oval crown made of alternate white and brown satin braid. Across the front is a drapery of golden brown chiffon and yellow lace with wide loops to broaden the face effect. of the new mate- A single black plume elevates itself at

#### Being Appreciated at Last.

At last women in general are beginning to awaken to the beauties of mograce the soft pink hair as a dress stuff. The designers and the hyacinth and modistes for two years have been blue. Although the trying their prettiest to force it upon voluminous skirt the public, but the public preferred to still obtains, its learn by experience its value before work braid in black and gold and a lined with a rustling taffeta in soft black. The blouse bodice has a rippled basque piped about the edges with The tulle gown is a charming pos- a narrow cord of black satin. Broad bands of the braid extend from the



SUMMER GOWNS OF NEAT DESIGN.

broideries are not cheap luxuries, and are full and droop toward the elbow. yet women persist in wearing them. A flaring cuff of mousseline de soie fin-A dinner dress in pale shot green and pink silk, trimmed with frillings of the same, white lace, and jeweled passementerie, furnishes a pleasing dinner

## Costumes for Summer Travel.

Summer tours are in progress, and, naturally, suitable outfits are in consideration. The old custom of saving for the traveling expedition the half worn out gown and hat has quite passed away, and we now see the traveler gowned quite as jauntily for the journey as she would for the street. And why not? People who can afford to travel for mere pleasure surely can afford the best service the train or boat affords, and such being the case there is no more fear of injuring the costume than if in one's own parlor; and, then, too, shut up, as travelers are, for a long time with fellow travelers, it is well to be so gowned as to be a pleasant companion and not a guy in a frumpy

The London tailors are unquestion-



A PRETTY TRAVELING DRESS ably the best authorities on traveling outfits, and from them are sent a variety of smart designs. One extremely Scotch mixture of green and tan color. and is decorated along the front breadth by an elaborate design of appliqued brown velvet, stitched on with gold thread. The bodice is short and fitted to the figure with a smart, full ishes the wrist.

A royal purple mohair gown is made up stunningly with cream gulpure lace and plaitings of black mousseline de sole. There are sharp, fan-shaped panels let into the shirt made of plaiting of the mousseline do sole. The bodice has an oddly cut collarette extending over the shoulders, covered with the cream lace and edged with frills of the thin black stuff.

## Hints for the Household.

Grapes are excellent for leanness, therefore may be indulged in freely. and in winter small doses of cod liver off, commencing with a teaspoonful immediately after a meal, will often assist materially in producing flesh.

Impure air and overheated rooms are a fertile source of wrinkles. The nerves of the face are deadened by close and impure air, the fine musc'es lose their tone, the tissue of the face shrinks, and these shrinkages become wrinkles.

When out in the sun the upper part of the face should be shielded from the light; if the sun shines full into the eyes they will naturally attempt to protect themselves from the strong effect of the light by involuntarily screwing themselver p, which quickly produces lines.

For the "crows' feet" at the corners of the eyes press the balls of the second and third fingers lightly, but firmly, just above the eyebrows, bringing the second finger down the side of the eyebrow till it meets the cheek; then transfer the light movement to the third finger, and continue it around the edge of the lower eyelid to the

Two important points must be attended to in dressing infants. They must neither be loaded with clothes nor exposed to catch cold. With a young child, to shield it from draughts and wrap it up comfortably is essential. Over clothing weakens children, and by causing profuse perspiration predisposes them to cold, while colds are the beginning of all kinds of diseases.

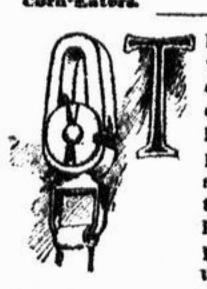
The hair should not be combed regularly with a fine comb. One with coarse teeth is much better, but even this should be sparingly used, and the brush more depended on for freeing the hair from tangles than is the rule. A fine comb will not only tear out hair unnecessarily, but also may injure The nine-gored skirt flares smartly, the scalp. The hair should never be fastened up very tightly at night; the more loosely it is plaited the better.

> If you would be a good reaper, keep close to the Lord of the harvest.

# CORNER.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN IN-VENTION AND INDUSTRY.

Nevel Snap-Hook, the Idea of a Callfornian-Bandy Food Box for fittehed Horses-Relief Hus Come at Last fur Corn-Eators



HE snap hook invented and patent ed by an inventor of Murietta, Cal. has some novel points. It will be seen that it is posttively a "safety" hook, as there is no possible means of unhooking inadvertently without

breaking the hook. The link or ring to be hooked in the device is placed in the slot seen in the side, and by a gentle pressure the central movable core revolves until the slot becomes integral with the open part of the book, when, actuated by a coiled spring, the core resumes its position as now seen. To unhook, the latch is turned with the thumb and finger.-- New Ideas.

#### Mules Versus E'estricity.

E.or since the introduction of electricity as a motive power on the surface workings of the coal mines of the anthracite regions the opinion has been freely expressed that before many years electricity would also be utilized for the interior of the mines, and that the mine mule would have to go. Ju.ging by the operations now under way by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, at Maltby Colliery, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., this prophecy seems likely to be verified almost at once. This company has built a big fireproof boiler house at the Maltby Colliery, in which they will install an immense dynamo, thence conducting the wires through two twelve-inch core holes to the big pumps below. This method of introducing the wires into the mine is the most novel expedient that has ever been tried. the idea has ever occurred to anyone, it has been abandoned on account of the heavy expense. These new electric pumps will be capable of throwing a thousand gailons a minute, with a power sufficient to double this amount at a moment's notice. The power will also be used to hoist the cars up the Ideas. inner slopes of the mine. This is the first step of the Lehigh Valley Company in the substitution of electricity for steam and mule power, and with its success the days of the mine mule will be numbered.

#### Value of Good Fruit.

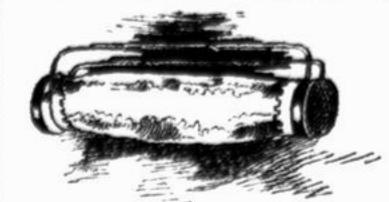
Ripe apples are especially healthy and children may eat them, without danger. Some doctors say that an apple at bedtime produces sleep. Pears are more savory than apples, but not so healthy, unless cooked. Prunes have medical qualities which cannot be de-They are better cooked, how-Apricots are also more healthy cooked than raw. Peaches are very healthy. The most healthy of all fruit, however, are grapes. Consumption has been cured by grapes when every other remedy has failed. Cherries may also be eaten, as they frequently restore health and strength to the weak. Strawberries, though a cold fruit, have the virtue of healing rheumatism. Gooseberries and currants are cooked. Figs are also excellent. They the best cure for dyspensia yet known. fulness and prolong life.

# Preservation Without Ice.

Dr. A. T. Perkins, of Chicago, has patented a process for keeping fruits and perishable products during transportation by the use of sterilized air. This is important, as by its use shippera are promised better results than are now obtained by using ice.. While double the capacity of vehicles transportation, many other benefits will arise, among which are decreased cost in handling, lessened freights, etc. Chicago for an extensive test of the method. The fruit syndicate of California is also much interested in the matter.

## For Corn-Enters.

A device or holder to assist in the eating of an ear of green corn has been



invented and patented (March 3) by an inventor of New York city. The two circular heads are attached to a sleeved wire handle which is adjustable as to length. One of the circular heads has three prongs in its inner circumference to grasp the ear and hold it from turning inadvertently, the manner in which the wire handles are attached allowing the corn to be turned, however when desired.-New Ideas.

## Joyfal News.

Everybody has heard of the little boy who pointed out to his mother the absurdity of being sent to bed when he did not feel a bit sleepy and made to rise in the morning when he wan as sleepy as he could well be, says the New York Mercury. That boy will in the future be able to cite in support of his contention Dr. Seldon Talcott, becomes, bulk for bulk, less of superintendent of the homeopathic the molten metal.

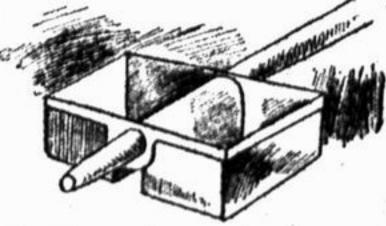
state asylum at Middleton. Talcott, who is said to be one of t most eminent specialists in insanti in the world, has just been declar that early rising is a most prolif

cause of insanity: "A peremptory command to get up when one's sleep is as yet unfinished is a command which grinds the soul, curdles the blood, swells the spleen destroys all good intentions and disturbs for the entire day the mental activities of a boy just as the tornado disturbs and levels with advancing rule a forest of mighty pines."

To the habit of too early rising on the part of young men we may, he adds, justly ascribe many cases of early insanity, of melancholia and of abject dementia. "The free and lazy savage gets up when he feels ready and rarely or never becomes insane." In further proof of his assertion Dr. Talcott points out the larger percentage of lunacy among the country people as compared with professional men. The latter, almost without exception, get up late in the morning, whereas our manual laborers, in city and country, all leave their beds long before they should. Generally in winter they rise before daybreak. "A radical change should be wrought in our industrial system." Dr. Talcott concluded, "so that our workingmen and women would not be compelled to get up, as they do today, before they have had a decent night's

#### Food Box.

This is a handy device for feeding horses when, of necessity, they must be



fed without releasing them from the wagon. It is in duplicate and works on a hinge, which joins the two boxes. The metal border which surrounds the top extends downward at the center to form a circular clamp to fit around the wagon pole or tongue. By closing or moving the boxes toward each other the clamps are opened to grasp the pole and close around it when the boxes assume an open or level position.-New

#### Pinning the Specialist.

The specialist who is typified in O. W. Holmes' "Scarabee," the man who devotes a lifetime to acquiring abnormal familiarity with the manifest pecultarities of some obscure tribe of insects, does no direct harm to his fellows, and incidentally contributes something, however minute the contribution may be, to scientific progress, says the National Review. We must respect the seal which embles. a man to expend the superabundant energy, which might have led to fame or fortune, upon achievements of which, perhaps, not a half a dozen living men will ever appreciate either the value or the cost to the worker.

Dryasdust deserves the same sort of

sympathy. He has, no doubt, his weaknesses. His passion becomes a monomania. He spends infinite toll upon work which has no obvious interest, and he often comes to attach an absurd importance to his results. Such studie, as genealogy or bibliography have but a remote bearing upon were in great favor with ancient any of the vital problems suggested Roman ladies, who always ate them for by the real historian. We shudder breakfast. Pineapples are said to be when we read that the excellent Col. Chester spent years upon investigating Nuts of all kinds are indigestible. the genealogy of Washington, and ac-Oranges are also excellent as a cure cumulated, among many other labors, for dyspepsis. Lemons produce cheer- eighty-seven folio volumes, each of more than 400 pages, of extracts from parish registers. He died, it is added, of "incessant work." The late Mr. Bradshaw, again, a man of most amisble character and very fine intellectual qualities, acquired, by unremitting practice, an astonishing power of identifying at a glance the time and place of printing of old books. He could interpret minute typographical indithe system, if successful, will nearly cations as the red Indian can read in a dead leaf or blade of grass the figure of the traveler who trod upon it. Certainly one is tempted to regret at first sight that such abilities were not ap-Contracts have already been made in plied in more obviously useful fields. What do we care whether one or another obscure country squire in the sixteenth or seventeenth century had the merit of being progenitor of Washington? Can it really matter whether a particular volume was printed at Rotterdam or at Venice-in the year 1600 or ten years sooner or later? I will not discuss the moral question. At any rate, one may perhaps urge it is better than spending brain power upon chess problems, which is yet an innocent form of amusement, for such a laborer may incidentally provide data of real importance to the political or literary historian. He reduces, once for all, one bit of chaos to order, and helps to raise the general standard of accurate

## Scientific Notes.

Among recent discoveries is a basale stele found by Mr. Schell, which has on it an Assyrian inscription of Kin-Nabonod, of the sixth century befor Christ, telling of the destruction Nineveh. No monument hither

found has said anything of that event Experiments lately made in England show that if a ball of solid from is low ered into a mass of liquid means of a metal fork the ball at sinks to the bottom with the fork, in a few seconds it leaves the and rises to the surface, where it tinues to float until it melts. T ing is explained by the ex the ball, due to heating,