

strange memories to me, writes a cor- when you have passed through the cappendent of the Montreal Star. went it in the Great Casis of the temple of a kind you have never seen Libyan Desert. It was full of marvels. before. For it is a Persian temple, yet open across a savage and irre- to conquer Greece. It is very odd, claimable wilderness, which no trav- very elegant, very picturesque, and camel-back over plains strewn with day there, but time did not serve. It round boulders like ancient cannon was 2, and we had breakfasted balls, over plains snowed over with 7, and there was much to see after alkali, over hummocks of golden sand, lunch. So we rode down to the other over mountains seamed with terrific rest-house, which looked like the palgorges, over sheets of contorted black ace of a New Guinea king, with its rocks, like the lava fields of Mount straw thatch and verandahs. As we Etna, always without sign of water, drew near I saw a perfect Roman always without sign of life. On the plain behind the mountains as we wanted to go over it, but it belonged the faint green of the Oasis, and when wife up in it, or perhaps his wives we drew near it gave us the impres and gone out into the fields for the sion of a man taming the wilderness day. to grow low crops of bearded wheat After lunch we rode on to Kharga, and the bounteous berseem; not the the casis village, the most extraor palm trees shading clear pools, which dinary sight of the day, for it was were the cases we dreamed of in our all one house, in which the passages childhood. And our party, it was so are streets, with residences of one, familiar and so unfamiliar—an Irish two or three stories opening off them. girl and Rushbrooke, the sun-baked This vast lump of mud has no exman in the government survey depart- terior windows. The idea was to ment who had surveyed the casts build a place where quiet people could prior to sale. His Arab servant, allive without being raided every day ways in spotless white, was a picture. by the flerce Bedouins of the desert. We had an absurd dragoman, a little Even the Bedoutn hesitated to plunge Berberine, who were a tarboosh and into a ramification of dark passages bursting tennis shoes, a black frock with various man-traps only known coat and trousers, to cook and wait to the inhabitants, and the inhabit-

and bedrooms, lefty and spacious, and Pax Romana of British occupation the the other, and with wooden columns bouses with gardens behind it. We up the center, where fifty sojourners were taken to call on the Omdeh, or could take their meals and refuge headman, an infliction you generally from the heat. It is easy to supple- have to put up with in Egypt when man and doors. There were no mossounds of Africa.

pan!-wide stretches of desert the desert we had crossed. The angry grant of a camel disturbed me. I went through the hall, and there, in our kitches yard of desert, were five tall the world had come, and took refuge him to show he is an industrious as a, objecting to lie down, as they in the desert ald presently object to get up. Breakfast over, my wife, who looks upon the camel as a wild beast, and the manager's wife and the lunch were mounted on a troller, which was soon flying up the line to the rost house by the Temple of Darius, propelled by three stalwart Arabs in flut tering white robes, and the solemn camel-mounting ceremony began.

we drew near lesargo, which gives the casis its modern name, we maw high on our left the Roman fort where the founder of the Nestoriana was an exile and a captive, and on the aand hills to our right saw whole arcaded ancient Reman tombs standing out noble on the rises. like the tombs of the Mamelukes at Cairo, the most picturesque city e the dead among all the Roman ruins of the world. As we rade up to them we passed the camp of a scientific expedition from an American university. Their aims were very practical. The tembs and mummies were nothing to them they were hunting for lost episties of the early saints, for Christian papyri, in fact. At the present moment they were cooking a Christmas dinner in a much earlier rock tomb of pagan extraction. Being American, their idea of Christmas was a turkey. They were in the midst of a ad never seen a harsh look from man, come a duck hunter.

had just been beaten for making its Christmas dianer off the only papyrus they had found. They had endured with patience its habit of eating mummy bandages. We dismounted from our camels and entered the Street of the Dead, looking as incongruous as possible, for the women were muffled in motor veils against sunstroke and

dust. The temple at Kharga will be very famous. Its pylons tower over a de-There is a Christmas which calls up lightfui grove of date palms, and I grove on velvety sand you come to a We traveled on a railway that was not built by the King Darius, who tried eler had even traversed before, save its light, bright colors are admirably painfully with six days' journeying on preserved. I could have spent a whole house, built of mud, of course. flew down the swift incline we saw to a farmer, and he had locked his

ants themselves waiting in security to The idea of a rest-house had terri- assassinate him. The village is like fied my wife; it was really high up in a catacomb, built up from the ground, the scale of hotels. It had a bathroom instead of tunneled into it. In the in the center quite a fine hall, bay- principal inhabitants have deserted windowed at one end, verandahed at the catacomb village, and live in large by the hour and giving us cups of no we could fling our windows Turkish coffee, he gave us afternoon the lustrous skies, and hear ten and cakes and barbaric fly-switch- grass, a remedy for kidney troubles, es, which were most welcome, for all comes to this country annually from up in time to see the sunrise, the flies which gave Beetzebub his shread. Is it because we cannot grow with golden light the pale title seemed to be there. The Omdeh | deg grass in America? No, but be the crops in front-crops at took us to see the sight of the village cause for some reason this unthrifty -the lake created by the magic of nation imports it instead of pulling it and on the horizon the tum- the Corporation of Western Egypt. up and preparing it from the places taking of mountains, the crest of The magic was an artesian well. No where it grows all around us. I sooner was the bore down than water | brings from 3 to 7 cents a pour came up at such an alarming rate Here's a chance for the boy who finds that the natives thought the end of the long vacation begin to pall upon



A Letter to Santa Claus.

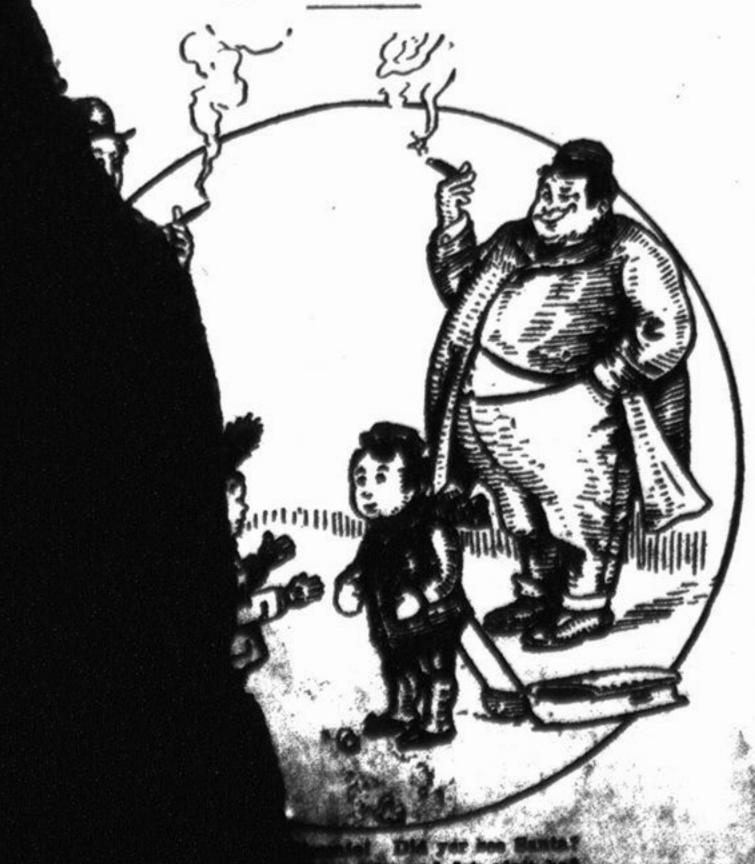
Staing the Pite. "Pa, how much money have you got

fer Chris'mus?" Why, Tommy?" "Well, pa, I can't tell what t' ask Santy Claus fer till I know how. much money you've got."-Indianapo-

Don't give the baby a shotgun un-The favorite gazelle, which less he has shown a tendency to be-

DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS

lis Journal.



All Over the Country Are Imported from Abroad.

MEDICINE.

Value in Such Roots as Burdeck, Dandelion and Pokeweed and in Dog Grass and Catnip.

This country is actually importing for medicinal purposes plants that are growing wild all around us, but which one seems to think it worth while to gather. This fact is pointed out by the department of agriculture in a bulletin called "Weeds Used as Medicine," which it would be worth while for the boy who reads this to write for if he wants to make a little money out of the vacant ground all around him, a New York Herald Washington letter says. The bulletin will explain how to prepare the weeds for the market and will give some idea of the price that the industrious boy can expect to obtain for the weeds that are marketable.

Belgium and other European countries ship to this part of the world every year about 50,000 pounds of burdock root. The root sells for from 3 to 8 cents a pound and the seeds for from 5 to 10 cents. This will probably be news to most of those gent workers who have been weeding out the burdock from thousands of farms, and carefully consigning it to the flames, while the more thrifty Europeans have been selling it to us in consignments that come more than 3,000 miles to a country that abounds

Who has not wondered at the sight of Italians digging for dandellons. The country boy knows that dandelion greens are not bad for the table, but what few but the astute allen are wise to it that druggists derive part of their income from the sale of dandelion as a tonic and that from 4 to 6 cents a pound can be obtained from the root that flourishes everywhere ready for the picking?

Instead of gathering the dock root that goes to waste all around us, the American nation pays for the importation of 125,000 pounds of this plant every year. The dried root sells at ment bedrooms with tents, and all this you are accompanied by residents; but from 2 to 8 cents a pound, and is conwas built of mud-mud three feet this Omdeh in the casis at the back sidered an excellent blood medicine. thick its dark brown contrasted very of the desert was a most modern old The waste lands are alive with it and pleasantly with the fresh pine window gentleman. Instead of conversing any boy could make money by gathering and preparing it for the market.

A quarter of a million pounds of dog his competitor in the old world.

Then there is pokeweed, a skin and blood remedy, the dried roots of which sell for from 2 to 5 cents a pound mullein, which is a nerve tonic and a cough medicine, and which sells for good prices, but is not thought to be salable by the boys of this country (German boys know better-they sell it for importation to America); lobella seeds, which sell for 15 cents a pound, and catnip, which can be exchanged for pocket money at the rate of from 2 to 8 cents a pound.

These are only a few of the many weeds that are salable, but which we allow to go to waste in this country. while we buy the identical thing from abroad. It will open the eyes as well as line the pockets of our boys to get the bulletin referred to and make money out of that obnoxious job

Strictly Neutral.

Among the humorous and huma stories in Dr. T. L. Pennell's recent book, "Among the Wild Tribes of the Afghan Frontier," is one of a British officer in the Kurram valley who interrogated an Afridi with regard to what was then considered a probable

"Now tell me," said the officer, "t there were to be war-which God for bid between Russia and England, what part would you and your people take? Whom would you side with?"

"Do you wish me to tell you what would please you or to tell you the real truth?" was the naive reply. "I adjure you to tell me what is the

'white word.' " "Then," said the old graybeard, "we would just sit up here on our moun tain tops watching you both fight, until we saw one or the other defeated. Then we would come down and loot the vanquished till the last mule! God is great! What a time that would be

for us!" Cure for Disconsolate Levers. Tye one end of a rope righte over

Just under the beame lett a bucket be

On it lett the lovier most manfullie Right over his heade be left the snick-

And under his care well fastened the

take a full swinge And leave alle the reste of the works to the stringe!

The Egotistical Actor. Theatrical Manager-I'm sorry, but there's no place for you in this drama; every part has been taken. Meetintical Actor-Never mind that l'il create my part.—Puck.

INCOMPRESSICY OF OPERATORS.

Lag Methods of Railroad Officials

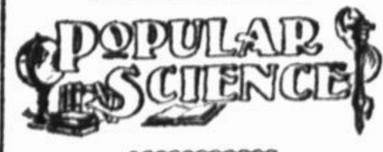
Cont Thousands of Liver. In the American Magazine a young railroad telegraph operator, Harry Bedwell, makes frank confession of his own shortcomings and of the laxness and carelessness of railroad officials which cause wrecks and smashups on the line. One of the most interesting and astonishing facts he relates is the practice of railroads of accepting improperly and mentally inadequately instructed operators and mentally inadequate employes rather than pay higher salaries for more efficient help. The following story is one of Mr. Bedwell's own personal

experiences: "I left this station and the service of this company after about seven months' service. I was still bound for the land of the setting sun, and thither I drifted. This time I did not stop until I came to the Pacific. One day I walked into the office of a chief dispatcher.

"How are you fixed for operators? asked of him.

"He thought that he could use me he said, and asked the usual ques tions about previous service. Then he started me on the examination He gave me a small yellow pamphlet in which were some hundreds' questions, all of which I was to an swer. These questions were all an swered in the book of rules, i. e., was supposed to know his book rules by heart. But he saw doubtful look I gave the pamphlet, and brought out his own book rules, which he gave me. He did not wink when he did it, but I understood that he was badly in need of men or questions as best I could.

book of rules. It took lots of time a cake as it would have been had all is done for it, and goes to sleep more low. In India the women of high caste and patience, but I finished it at last. her mind been concentrated upon the After I had passed the physical ex- work in hand, when materials would amination I was told to go to a cer- have been more accurately measured, tain station and begin work as night



Working on the theory that earth quakes are preceded by an electro magnetic disturbance, an Italian sci entist has devised an instrument which gives warning that an earth quake is about to occur a few minutes before the disturbance is felt.

Researches by a horticultural expert show that the so-called "wild apples," or "wild crab," from which many of the present standard commercial varieties have sprung, were wayward descendants of trees originally imported from England and other foreign countries in the eighteently cen-

Dr. Ponza, director of the lunatio asylum at Alessandria, Italy, has cured many of his insane patients by confining them in rooms of some uniform color. Patients suffering from acute melancholia have become cheerful after confinement in a red room. But some forms of life are adversely affected by certain colors. It has been observed, for instance, that flies and other insects do not flourish or are killed outright by the light which comes through blue glass or blue

As all schoolboys know, a suctionpump can theoretically elevate water only about 33 1-3 feet, a column of water of that height balancing the atmospheric pressure. Recently, however, a means has been found of causing a suction-pump to raise water to a height of even 60 feet. The invention was made by a workman in the French marine. Monsieur Sysserie, the chief engineer of the marine, remarked that one particular pump showed extraordinary qualities in drawing water from ships' holds. Inquiry developed the fact that a workman named Alzial had thought of the plan of introducing air into the water at the point where the suction was applied, thus producing an emulsion of air and water, which, because of its diminished density, was capable of being elevated to considerably greater heights than pura water. The air is introduced through a small brass tube.

Prof. H. E. Armstrong, at the recent meeting of the British Association, made some curiously interesting remarks about carbon and the astonishing relation of its properties to the geometrical figure known as the tetrahedron, a solid bounded by four equilateral triangles. He said that the completeness with which the fundamental properties of the carbon atom are symbolized by a regular tetrahedron is altogether astounding. That atom has four affinities, which operate practically in the direction of the four radii, proceeding from the center toward the four solid angles of a tetrahedron. "In the future, when strangers dig for signs of our life, they will find the tetrahedron and the benzene hexagon among the mystic symbols which they have difficulty in interpreting. If, like the ancient Egyptians, we made our tombs records of our wisdom, such symbols would long since have acquired sacred signifi-And make a slippe noose at the other | cance."

His Claim to Prominence.

intent on knowing every one, was in- that the working girls' clubs are simtroduced to Senator Julius C. Burrows | ply starving for leaders. In the crowof Michigan. "The name Burrows is ed factory districts of cities the dance very familiar to me," he said. "I am hall offers a great attraction to the certain that you are a man of some girl who has worked hard all day in The buckett kicked cleare, lett him prominence." "Yes," replied Senator a close room and has no place in which Burrows, "I am the man that 'died at | to entertain company at night. The first' just before Casey came to bat in desire for such amusement is perfectly that celebrated ball game at Mud- legitimate, and it only remains for ville."-Success Magazine.

> When a division is taken in the House of Commons a two-minute sandglass is turned to allow members time to enter the house. Then the doors are locked.

There are more than a hundred frms manufacturing chocolate in the



Self-Reliant Women.

life, no matter what it may be, is a should train and develop herself for. It expresses itself in an ability to make quick decisions, and, having done that, acting without doubt and hesitation, straining at every point to justify the action by bringing it to a successful finish.

More than half the women in the world fail, not only in important but trivial things, because they are afraid. Necessity in some form obliges them to make a decision. Of their obligation to do this they have no doubt, but as there is always the possibility of another way being better then that decided upon, they waver, go ahead halfbeartedly, and, in the second, either fail entirely or achieve only partial success, because they lack self-reliance. They are not sure of themselves, either of their ability or wisdom, and neither is strengthened.

Doubt, after a positive step in any direction has been taken, is weakening. Nothing is gained, in fact, either in work or in daily domestic routine, without effort. If a woman tries to make a cake, and, during the mixing. and strength of conviction would have lent more power to her arm to best the mixture well.

Knitted Conts.

Among the economical garments for school wear are the popular knitted Norfolk jacket and reefer. They are offered by all tailors, but mothers at a distance who have the time to knit may readily make them at home. Girls of all ages wear such coats in gray, white, scarlet, green or the brown shades. Some are handsomely bound with black satin and closed with crocheted buttons. The yarns that are necessary for knitting them come in all the standard and fashionable shades. Some, however, are doublebreasted. They all have roomy sleeves and turnover collars, that may, upon occasion, be turned up around the neck. Knitted coats of this are wort over kilt skirts and plain bloque waists. Harper's Bazar.

New Taffor-Made Design.



Tailor-made costume of brown cloth. The jacket is very long, and ends in points at the sides. There are large buttons in front and on the sides. The revers are braided, and the collar is of black velvet. The hat is of felt, and

Work for Women of Leisure. Miss Jean Hamilton, secretary of the League of Women Workers, an organ ization representing 11,000 members in five states, says that the aituation of At a social gathering a certain man, working girls is harder than ever, and those who have the leisure and the money to see that these places are not objectionable or to offer something that is equivalent.

> Buttoning Backwards. A contemporary starts the question, "Why do women's buttons always faston backwards?" and considers that there must be some good reason for -motion "the rule of correct betten-i

ing." It seems that the man's way is i don. This is the first time that the Being able to meet an emergency in | really the backward way, dragging the hole from left to right, instead of form of self-reliance that every woman bringing it over easily in the right hand. There is, perhaps, some reason connected with access to the breast pocket which influences the man's method, and it is likely that the difference in size and strength between a man's and a woman's fingers has tended to decide the matter, the method which suits one being inconvenient to the other.



The cradle is an out-of-date piece of herself. furniture which should be consigned to the attic. It is not good for a child to be rocked. From the very first a dering if it would have been better to child should be left to go to sleep teeth. Women of Arabia stain their "He showed me a table, gave me a have used another recipe, the chances by itself and not carried in the arms. fingers and toes red. In Greenland pen and I set to work to copy the are against her turning out as good It becomes accustomed to whatever women paint their faces blue and yeleasily and quickly if this method is paint their teeth black. A Hindoo

coveted M. R. C. P. has been conferred upon a woman.

Mrs. Howard Van Wyck, after an absence of several years, has returned to Milwaukee as special assistant secretary of the Associated Charities.

Miss Alice Fischer traveled all the way from New York to Cheyenne, Wyo., to cast her vote in the recent elections. The trip cost in the neighborhood of \$200.

Mrs. Martin J. Wessels of Spokane, Wash., is said to be one of the few artists, if not the only one, whose work is devoted exclusively to pictures of grain.

Miss Stella Josephine Feiler of Harrls county, Texas, lately received a fee said to amount to \$150,000 from ten land owners upon whose property she located two productive oil wells.

Toiling at the windlass in her brother's clothes is the experience of Miss Laura White of San Francisco, now a wealthy mine owner in Nevada. She discovered the vein and worked it

Queer Feminine Ideas.

Many Japanese women gild their

NEW FASHIONS IN HATS.



Here are three of the most graceful models of the day. The first one is a plain turban of silk beaver trimmed at the left with two small ostrich feathers and tiny silk cross. The large hat is of black velvet trimmed with colored plumes to match the gown, which is a late French innovation. Medium-sized feather trimmed hats with turned-up brims faced with shirred silk are very popular with young matrons. secretary of the secret

be forgotten that young babies, not the black gap thus made, withstanding their liquid diet, need to have water as well, but when you have found that all is right with the child it should then be left to go to sleep, as it will do. A baby should not have soothing syrups, and, indeed, very little if any medicine. Do not get in the habit of dosing the baby. An infant often cries from hunger or colle. Be sure that the baby's nourlighment is right.

Health and Beauty Hints. If your heart is weak, do not indulge in showers, and be careful to temper the water, no matter how strong the heart.

Cold water dashed on the face and chest in the morning gives the same tonic effect as a cold plunge in the morning without the shock.

A simple remedy for burns is made by adding to a cupful of olive oil a teaspoonful of carbolic acid. Apply bandages soaked in the mixture.

Relaxation is the secret of taking

the mental, moral and physical kinks out of one's system. It will take all tirely superseded by turned up shapes the unsightly lines from your face but these new hats come so far down Drinking with meals greatly dilutes the more difficult; besides, in this Henry IV hat is of silk, faced with

To take disagreeeable medicine eat one or two cloves or hold ice in the mouth until the tongue is chilled and the medicine will be less disagreeable. Medicines that discolor the teeth may

be taken through soda straws. Stout people should limit the amount of potatoes and sugar they eat, as these articles of food favor the deposit of fat underneath the skin. Dry toast, lean meat, stewed fruit and fish are suitable foods in treating obesity, and rich, fat, sweet and greasy dishes

ought to be avoided.



Mrs. C. C. Kennedy has been ap- | \$72.60. pointed probation officer of the New | Sighing heavily, he disgorged to Orleans juvenile court.

The Wesleyan conference of England recently passed by a large majority a said, tip-toeing out.—St. Louis Pos motion to admit women as lay dele. Dispatch.

There are three women among the

nominees for the next Norwegian parliament. One was chosen by the Liberals and two by the Socialists. Miss Ivy E. Woodward has been a leted to full membership in the

adopted. If it cries it should not be bride is anointed from head to foot taken up, for it will not be long be with grease and saffron. Borneo fore it will demand such an attention women dye their hair in fantastic colif it is once begun. If a child cries, ors-pink, green, blue and scarlet. In one should ascertain if there is a New Holland scars, made carefully cause. A child does not cry for noth- with shells, form elaborate patterns ing. A pin may be sticking into it; on the women's faces. In some South its clothing may not be right; it may American tribes the women draw the need a drink of water. It should not front teeth, esteeming as an ornament

Jauntiness in Millinery.



The meek mushroom has been enand prevent new ones from forming. over the head all around before the upward trend of the brim begins that the saliva, making mastication all they are usually very becoming. This way the contents are easily softened velvet and banded with dark fur and washed down before properly edged by a quilling of the silk. The side trimming consists of aigrettes and a pair of new mercury wings. Silk velvet and fur are in brown tones, the wings are coral colored and the aigrettes black.

To Wash Blankets.

Put to boil a large boiler of water into which you have placed a cake of pure soap cut into small pieces. Pour the water into a tub and let it stand till lukewarm, then add a tablespoon ful of ammonia. Put the blankets into the water, and with a stick turn them over and over. Do not rub them. very much soiled, use a second tub of water prepared in the same way. Fold smooth by passing through a wringer. and put into shape; then hang in the sun to dry.

Continuing to rummage, the burging discovered the following bills: Gr ceries, \$88; life insurance, \$162.15; d goods, \$44.85; coal, \$92; milk, \$12.3 dressmaker, \$78; tailor, \$56; \$7.20; milliner, \$25; miscellade

silver and jewelry.

"This house has trouble enough," h

The Small Sculed Person You can always take a measure by the way in wh