

Two towns of Massachusetts, Northampton and Florence, have derived Clubs for Home great interest and profit from home culture clubs. These

clubs have headquarters in a remodeled church, in which literary, industrial and artistic branches are taught. Over 1,000 women, and almost as many men and boys, attend these classes each month. The large attendance of women is not especially remarkable, but that of men and boys certainly is. It testifies to the practical character of the work. Instruction is given free and costs the clubs nothing, as Smith college students volunteer their services as teachers. In connection with these clubs, says the Indianapolis News, is the Home Culture Club Council, an auxiliary, to which belong over 200 Northampton and Smith college men and women. The council is divided into several chapters, one of which is devoted to household interests, including domestic science, the care and training of children and the art of home making. Another chapter has charge of reading, smoking and billiard-rooms for men. Under the college chapter the work of general instruction is carried on. This auxiliary was organized by George W. Cable, who, latterly, has turned his attention to gardening, with a view to beautifying dooryards. At his request Andrew Carnegie has offered six prizes for a flower garden contest and has made a conditional gift of \$50,000 for the purchase of land to be transformed into model gardens. A special feature of the gardening will be the using of native wild plants and shrubs, such as sumac and elderberry. This work is decidedly worth while and could be carried out to advantage in many another town and village. Nothing is more wholesome than a love of outdoor life, and when this is cultivated in connection with beautifying home surroundings, the results are sure to be gratifying.

**ALL DUE TO PHOTOGRAPHY.**

**How the Art Has Very Curiously Worked Injury to the Trade in Commercial Fertilizers.**

The idea that the spread of photography could do severe injury to the trade in commercial fertilizers, and especially to the conversion of raw phosphate into plant food, seems at first sight absurd.

Yet so it is, and in this way, says Stray Stories. Phosphates and bones, to be made available as soil improvers, must be treated with sulphuric acid. Now, sulphuric acid will dissolve most metals as easily as water does sugar. Platinum is almost the only metal upon which it has no effect.

So, in spite of their great cost, manufacturers have generally employed retorts made of a platinum alloy for the concentration of sulphuric acid. These retorts used to be made in Paris and cost \$8,500 to \$13,000 apiece.

To-day such a thing as a platinum retort would cost literally a fortune, for platinum, owing to the introduction of the platinotype process in photography, has gone up from about five dollars an ounce to the present price of \$20 an ounce. It is indeed nearly as costly as gold.

The apple is the most democratic of all fruits, declares the Atlanta Journal. The pomegranate is priestly; the grape is royal; the orange is luxurious; the

**A NOBLE RED MAN.**

**Crazy Snake, Leader of Ketoowah Indians, Wants Uncle Sam to Enforce Old Treaty.**

Chitto Harjo, known as Crazy Snake leader of the Ketoowah band of Creek Indians, has announced that he will go to Washington to have an interview with President Roosevelt, says the Kansas City Journal. Crazy Snake has the distinction of being the last Indian in the United States rebellious enough for Uncle Sam to order several companies of regulars out to keep him within bounds. This happened two years ago, when he declared war against the government, and since that time he has served a term in prison for rebellion. When the council of war was held near Tahlequah last week each tribe named a delegate to go with Crazy Snake to Washington. They are adherents of the old treaty of 1832, which provided that the Indians should hold their lands in common, according to the old tribal laws, as long as "water and grass grows." The old warrior and the delegates named to accompany him cannot speak English, and an interpreter will be necessary in order for them to make their wishes known to the president. They will ask him to enforce the treaty of 1832.

**THE "SPEED MANIA."**

**Cyclists and Automobilists Said to Develop Characteristics Foreign to Them When in Normal State.**

The conviction is gaining ground among scientific men that indulgence in extraordinary speeds of transition voluntarily controlled breeds in the human species a form of disease capable of development to the degree of delirium, says a London exchange. The disease is generally referred to as the speed craze or speed mania. By a rather strange coincidence a discussion on this subject took place at the Societe de Hynologie et de Psychologie, in Paris, only a few days before the tragic death of Zborowski. One of the speakers, a Dr. Hatched-Souplet, maintained that persons in position to increase their speed of transition at will are simply carried away by the consciousness thereof. They have no longer control of themselves; they are intoxicated. They then develop characteristics which are foreign to them when in the normal state—boastfulness, combativeness, crabbedness, hatred, mischievousness and violence. These characteristics vary in form and degree, but may attain a maximum in the cyclist and automobilist.

**Bullet's Swift Flight.**

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You are not "in the midst of life's battle" so much when you are on the farm, but when you plow through a bumble bee's nest as a Kansas farmer did, you may feel that there are other stings than that of defeat.

A young woman in Connecticut is to pay a wife \$5,000 for the alienation of her husband's affections and keep the man. Is any man worth that much?

Despite reports of prosperity many persons throughout the country are so poor they still play the piano by hand.

An idea is valuable for its point, and a sarcasm dangerous for its edge.

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