Tiny Home-Gardens.

Almost anything that grows and has healthy foliage is attractive in winter; and those who cannot indulge in several yards of glass-covered flowering plants may enjoy the pleasures of a sponge-garden, which can be easily managed by any plant-loving child. A large round piece of coarse sponge is the first requisite, and it should be neatly trimmed of all jagged ends. Then soak it in warm water until it is thoroughly expanded, when it should be squeezed nearly dry, and the openings filled with rice and barley, seeds of red clover, oats, grass, etc.

The next thing is to suspend it in a window that has the sun for some hours during the day, and it should be thoroughly sprinkled with lukewarm water every morning. In a week or so tiny green shoots will appear, and these, if the sponge is kept moist, will grow as if by magic into a velvety ball of living green. In due time the clover blossoms will appear, and look far prettier than when blooming in the field.

Tiny ferns and partridge-vine are lovely growing in this way, as the sponge supplies the constant moisture in which they delight; and many things than one would imagine will take kindly to the wet sponge. Tradescantha, or *Wandering-Jew*, which has the reputation of taking to *anything*, droops charming over this novel residence, and becomes greener than ever, while a very delicate species of melon-vine sways its light-tinted leaves in the sunshine with great contentment.

But when it comes to sweet-pea and cypress-vine, it really seems more than could be expected from a sponge-garden; yet they will really grow there, and with great care they may even be coaxed into bloom. The delicate green foliage of the cypress-vine is a beautiful ornament in itself, but when a few crimson stars peep out, the plant is still prettier.

Another tiny garden can be made by cutting a piece of sheet-wadding to fit the top of a bowl or a wide-mouthed jar, which is filled with water just high enough for the bottom of the wadding to touch it. Two or three small bits of charcoal will keep the water pure; and when all is arranged the top of the wadding is sprinkled with seeds of mignonette, sweet-pea, or any other easily growing plant. The roots pierce down through the wadding and are nourished by the water; while leaves and blossoms in a reasonable time, conceal the top. This garden is even easier to manage than the sponge.

A large carrot, rather thick, then carefully hollowed out until only a wall strong enough to suspend it by a left, makes a very pretty bit of winter greenness. The foliage sprouts from the outside and quite covers the carrot. When sufficiently hollowed out, the three strings by which it is suspended in the window are fastened in the holes bored for them at equal distances in the top of the carrot at about half an inch below the edge. This queer little hanging basket is then filled with water nearly up to the holes, and a small piece of charcoal added. The water must be renewed as the carrot obsorbs it, for if allowed to become dry the foliage will turn yellow, and lose its beauty. All water in which plants are growing needs replenishing every few days.

Rebecca Wilkinson, of Brownsvalley, Ind., says: "I have been in a distressed condition for three years from Nervousness, Weakness of the Stomach, Dyspepsia and Indigestion until my health was gone. I bought one bottle of South American Nervine, which done me more good than any $50 worth of doctoring I ever did in my life. I would advise every weakly person to use this valuable and lovely remedy. I consider it the grandest medicine in the world." A trial bottle will convince you. Warranted by J. H. McCollom. 19-1yr.

The Rights of Children.

This is a bit of a talk to my married girls. God, when he gave you a child, gave to it some rights, and these you are bound to respect. You have no right to refuse to answer your child's question. If you do this it will certainly put that same question to somebody else, and may possibly receive an answer or impression that will have a bad effect on it for life.

You have no right to withold from your child any innocent pleasure; grief and unhappiness come soon enough, and the playtime of life ought to be when one is young.

You have no right to demand from your child to do, and do for you without any regard to happiness, nor its hope for the future.

You have no right to conclude that your child is not an independent being; it should be allowed to think and to reason out, with your assistance, the problems of life, but your assistance should be so sweetly given that it will never seem an impertinence.

You toss your head at this, at the idea of a mother being impertinent to a child, and yet it is possible. A child has a right to its own thoughts and to its own life, and the jesting at, or making fun to any of these or those about you, or to utter strangers, is an absolute impertinence. The right of children should be respected as religiously as are the rights of parents. Indeed, I am sometimes tempted to believe that more children respect their parents than parents respect their children. This is not a very long sermon, but I wish some of my married girls, who write to me about their daughters and sons, would think it over.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Deblility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with ful directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by ad dressing with stamp, naming this paper, W A. NOYES, 820 Power's Block, Rochester, N.Y

The Highest City and the Hottest Spot.

The highest city in the world is Pasco, the capital of the department of Junin, in the Republic of Peru. Pasco is built on the tableland, 14,275 feet above the level of the sea. The site on which it stand abounds in silver ore, the mouths of the mines being frequently in the mouths of the streets. The climate is injurious to health, and the place so destitute of any attraction save its wealth in silver, that only the anxiety to become rich could induce people to live there. The difference of temperature in the sun and in the shade is so great that, while on one side of the street may be exposed to oppressive heat, on the other side protection is required against the cold. The hottest spot on earth is one of the regions along the Peruvian Gulf, where little or no rain falls. At Bahala the arid shore has no fresh water, yet a comparatively numerous population continues to live there, thanks to the copious spring which bubbles forth from the bottom of the sea. The fresh water is obtained by diving and filling goat-skin bags with the precious liquidity.

A STOLEN HUSBAND.

BRANTFORD, Nov. 2.—At the Brantford Assizes to-day a trial of a highly sensational character has been progressing, and one which has caused the court room to be densely crowded with all classes and conditions of citizens. When the case of Quick v. Church was called Mr. Fullerton, Q.C., acting for plaintiff, stated to the jury that the case was of a novel character and the only one of the kind ever tried in Canada, or indeed in England. Mrs. Sarah Jane Quick, a resident of Woodstock, and wife of Joseph Quick, formerly foreman of Karn's organ and piano factory, sues Mrs. Agnes Church, widow of the late Alanson Church, of Blandford, lumberman and retired farmer, for $5,000 damages, alleging that she alienated from her the affection of a hitherto devoted husband. While the case was being opened to the jury Mrs. Quick and Mrs. Church with difficulty made their way through the crowd and took seats on opposite sides of a narrow table, and, with compressed lips, glared at each other in a way that only really angry women can. Mrs. Quick is of slight build and rather delicate. Mrs. Church is of robust frame and determined disposition. Mrs. Quick entered the box and related her marriage experience, which she said had been pleasant, barring an interval of two years, when her husband becoming charmed with a Mrs. Skinner, of Grand Rapids, a deed of separation had been arranged, but in latter years he had returned and been forgiven. But their happy home was a second time the scene of discord, all because, as she said, "that woman" (pointing to Mrs. Church) had by her persuasive and winning ways stolen her bread winner from her, and that he was now in Green Bay, Wisconsin, acting as manager of an hotel, of which Mrs. Church is a proprietor. Once the witness spoke of her as a "lady," but immediately corrected herself, and pointed to her as "that woman." She related having searched her husband's pockets while he was soundly sleeping, and was rewarded for her trouble by finding a letter as follows:—

August 13th.

MY OWN DARLING,—I did not mean calling upon you in the street. I got home all right that night, but I feel very lonesome when my darling leaves me. I hope you will be just what is right. I would like to have all to myself, but that day is away, away off. I do not know what is the matter, I think much about you. Darling take care of yourself. I want you to answer this to-night and let me know if you can come to-morrow. I will be at Patteson's. Tell me if you are coming, or if walking or driving. I will meet you near the barn, and try to make it late. You had better drive; it makes you late. Go to bed early and take a sound sleep. I will look for a letter to-night. From yours,

MARY X X.

This letter plaintiff said defendant would give $50 for possession of.

Years flew by. Discord and family jars continued in the Quick family, and finally, on a pleasant autumn day, Mrs. Quick discovered that the bird had flown. Her husband left her all his property, but very little was saved after paying his debts. Determined to see for herself, she visited Mrs. Church's hotel at Green Bay. There she found her husband acting as manager and bar-tender. He was surprised. Mrs. Church heard of her arrival, and in a few minutes the parlor of the St. James' was the location of a "scene." Getting very little comfort there, she returned to Woodstock, and is now endeavoring to replace the husband with some of Mrs. Church's cash, of which, it is said, the latter possesses plenty.

Mr. McCarthy, Q. C., acting for the defence, subjected Mrs. Quick to a most searching examination, but she exhibited a mind of her own and did not get verp much mixed. She said:—"I may have been peevish and fretful, but I wasn't so bad that Joe should have gone and left me." For the defence Mr. McCarthy placed Mrs. Church in the box, and she denied the whole story and stated that Quick had only visited her houenear Woodstock when requested by her husband to mend furniture or fix the piano or organ. She had not endeavored to steal him away or secure his affections. After her husband's death she determined to locate in Green Bay, and when out there purchased an hotel. While on the street in Green Bay she met Quick, who asked her to give him a job if she concluded the purchase. She said she would. The promise was afterwards fulfilled, and Quick was now her manager. No improper relation ever existed between them. She had living with her several of her grown-up children. She was 42 years old; had had twelve children, but one was dead. Confronted with the letter found by Mrs. Quick, she denied having written it or knowing anything of it. Mr. Fullerton urged her to sit down and copy it off, but she refused, and Mr. Justice Street said he didn't know how he could make her do it. She positively refused, saying, "I do not think it is necessary." She also said she could not write further than to sign her name. The jury returned a verdict in favor of Mrs. Quick for $4,500: $2,500 for seduction of affection and $2,000 for for maintenance. Mr. Fullerton, Q.C., and Mr. J. G. Wallace, of Woodstock, for plaintiff; Mr. McCarthy, Q. C, and Mr. George Smith, Woodstock, for defendant.

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Only a Matter of Endurance.

"You are standing on my foot, ma'am," said a big, good-natured man in the crowd the other day, at the corner of State and Madison, to a lady in front of him.

"Sir!" she replied, haughtily, turning her head. "I haven't moved in my tracks for half an hour!"

"I know it, ma'am," he replied. "But the foot you've been standing on all that time has begun to get tired. Would you mind occupying the other one awhile?"

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A Square Business Proposition.

A little boy entered a physician's office the other day, and on seeing the doctor he whispered in his ear:

"Please, sir, mother wants to know if the measles is catching?"

"Of course they are," replied the doctor, "and tell your mother to be very careful."

The boy, not being satisfied at this, again whispered confidentially into the doctor's ear:

"Please, sir, mother wants to know if it's worth anything for her to spread 'em about the village. My sister Betty's got 'em awful."

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A Queer Wedding.

A queer wedding was celebrated in the month of Octoblr, 1784, in Alsatia. The Prince of Nassau-Saarbruck gave his 12-year-old son in marriage with a lady of high nobility, a Countess Von Montbarry, 18 years old. It was stipulated that the young lady should return to her parents until the young man fell grown. Splendid festivities were carried on at the wedding. The whole neighborhood and especially all the princely courts were invited. The chases, excursion and banquets lasted three days. The 12-year-old boy shed tears from morning till night and was furious to be the object of general attention and curiosity. He avoided his bride and pushed her away when she came near him. At the ball he refused to dance with his spouse. They had to promise him candy if he took his spouse to the minuet dance. His father undertook to console him by showing him a picture book, in which was illustrated a wedding procession. As soon as he saw it he closed the cook and exclaimed angrily:

"I don't want to know anything about weddings. They are too tiresome; and here in the picture the bride with the long nose looks just like mine."

The Canadian Pacific railway steamship Empress of Japan arrived at Victoria, B. C., on Sunday evening from the Orient, having averaged 17 knots all the way, beating the trans-Pacific record with ease. Midway between Hong Kong and Shanghai on the 10th inst., she encountered a terrible typhoon, which by the staunchness of the ship and good steamship she weathered. The steamship Bokhara, travelling in company, was less fortunate when the hurricane came on and walls of fierce water hid her from sight. She seemed helpless, and when the storm abated it was learned she capsized, thus to drift upon Sand Island, near Nagasiki, and there became a complete wreck.

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The Turf.

The establishment of a first-class racecourse at Hamilton is no more than might have been expected from the enterprising character of the sportsmen in our sister city. And there is not a turfman in Toronto who does not wish the project well. Indeed, it should be, and must be, of the greatest material assistance to the provincial club, which races at the Woodbine. It is really equivalent to doubling the attractions laid before both home and foreign owners to place horses in training for a Canadian campaign. The two clubs cannot help being of mutual advantage to each other. But our Hamilton friends, it would seem, may count upon the determined opposition of the Ontario jockey club to any scheme for the alternate running of the Ontario Queen's plate at Toronto and Hamilton. Toronto will not be likely to forego its dates, which include the Queen's birthday, the proper day for the decision of the Queen's plate. The Marquis of Lorne left behind him here a memorandum abolishing, on behalf of the home authorities, the hitherto itinerate character of the race, and fixing it permanently at Toronto, where large outlay has been incurred by the club on the strength of Lord Lorne's decision. But there is a racing reason stronger even than this. Taking it for granted that the pioneer club will stick to the Queen's birthday, Hamilton if she had the plate would of necessity have to hold her meeting as early as May 10, a date which the climate puts out of the question; otherwise no province-breds could compete at the Toronto races for fear of losing their maiden qualifications for her majesty's guineas to be run for at Hamilton a fortnight later.—Toronto Globe.

The November ECLECTIC contains an excellent selection of articles covering a wide variety of cultivated tastes. The conditions of 'New Japan' are treated in a very competent fashion by F. P. Pigott, who has resided there for many years, and Mr. W. B. Harris tells us of a very curious and quaint corner of the world under the title of 'Holy Wazcus.' An interesting and suggestive paper by Mr. John Rae discusses the 'Growth of Industrial Peace.' Among the three historical papers, 'The Remnant of a Great Race,' by Henry Wolff, and 'When did Columbus first Land,' by Sir Henry Blake, the last is peculiary pertinent to the time. There are several interesting scientific papers, among which special attention is called to Mr. Hiram Maxim's 'Progress of Aerial Navigation,' which opens a new vista of possibilities to the practical mind as well as to the imagination. Miss Julia Wedgwood studies a very interesting problem of religious history in 'The Message of Israel,' and M. Ferdinand Brunetiere shows a high order of critical insight in his paper on 'French Literature.' There are two strong short stories, and several suggestive minor papers, and poems well worth reading. The whole number will repay careful reading. Published by E. R. Pelton, 144 Eighth Street, New York. Terms, $5 per year; single numbers, 45 cents; trial subscription for 3 months, $1. Eclectic and any $4 Magazine, $8.

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