hands, instead of a coarse wash-cloth. To keep the face and lips soft and smooth, they should be annointed daily with cold cream or glycerine and rose water-a little | tant-looking individuals saunter about the experience will preve which is best suited to rampart in the most leisurely way, but yet one's use. But a clear and rosy skin not only means good health; it is often the index of good temper into the bargain. Bad temper, fretting and worrying are usually sentries, and there they stand, or promenade quite as detrimental to the complexion as bad health. We can't all be angelic in disposition, but we can at least take life easily. Advice to the girl who wants to cultivate or to keep a good complexion may be easily the defenceless neuropteron, but some valiant summed up : Don't fret. Don't chew gum. Don't stay in-doors more than you can help. Don't drink too much tea or coffee. Don't eat all manner of trash, and too much of it at that. Don't neglect regular and frequent bathing. Don't stay up late, but have regular hours for sleeping as for everything else. Bear in mind all these "Don'ts," and you will have little use for powder.

A WARNING TO ENGLISH WOMEN.

A correspondent of a London paper writes as follows: Allow me to utter an oft-repeated and oft-neglected warning to English girls about to marry Frenchmen. It does not yet seem to be understood, as it ought to be, that though a woman may be married to a Frenchman according to all the forms of English law, she is not necessarily married in France. The French law still requires that the absurd and antiquated form of asking the head of the bridegroom's family to consent to a marriage shall be gone through; and if this is cmitted the marriage is invalid. A very sad case came under my own cognizance recently. A young Frenchman, visiting in this country, became engaged to a young English lady. Enquiries were made, the gentleman's position and prospects appeared satisfactory, the affection was mutual, and the marriage was duly solemnized in the parish church and before a registrar. The latter precaution was taken because it appears to have been thought by the bride's friends that only a civil marriage was recognized in France. But nobody had thought of enquiring whether the bridegroom, a man of independent means, twenty seven years of age, had troubled to ask anyone's leave before he got married. The man took his wife over to France; and a couple of years afterwards coolly informed her that they were not married at all! Apparently there was no redress for the unmarried wife who had to return to her relatives with this indelible stigma upon her. For the credit of human nature we may hope that such cases are rare; but English parents and guardians ought to know that it is possible for them to occur.

NEATLY NABBED.

A lady and gentleman were travelling together on an English railway. They were perfect strangers to each other. Suddenly the gertleman said : "Madam, I will trouble you to look out of the window for a few min- The mince pies which often I ate with such staff of detectives who disguise themselves utes. I am going te make some changes in my wearing apparel. " "Certainly, sir," she replied with politeness, rising and turning her back upon him. In a short time he said: "Now, madam, my change is complete, and you may resume your seat." When the lady turned she beheld her male companion turned into a dashing lady, with a heavy veil over her face. " Now, sir or madam, whichever you like, "said the lady, "I must | That old pancake griddle I hailed as a treatrouble you to look out of the window, for I parel." "Certainly, madam," and the gentleman in lady's attire immediately complied. "Now, sir, you may resume your seat." To his great surprise, on resuming | Far better than food that you roast, bake or seat, the gentleman in female attire found his then laughed and said: "It appears that we are both anxious to avoid recognition. What have you done? I have robbed a bank!" " And I," said the whilem lady, as he dexa pair of handcuffs, "I am Detective Jshadowed you; now," drawing a revolver, "keep still !"

NOTES.

In boas, now so fashionable, the longer they are the better. They should almost To swallow them quakly and then call for touch the ground.

fourteen children, applied to the city marshal the other day to make a split in her When once they had entered my mouth's no sense responsible. Whatever work he family as she could not support them all She now hustles for eight.

A New York hostess marked the places of her guests at table by a single, perfect rose. Upon a petal of each was delicatele written, by means of electricity, the name of the person to occupy the place.

Postmaster General of England, applied to a famous mathematical coach at Cambridge Those unrivaled pancakes I ate when a boy sequently Lady Stirling Maxwell. Both to be taken as his pupil, she was rudely repulsed, and the ungallant tutor remarked that he "would take no tabbies." Very year in the Trinity College examinations, sign that he desired to be shaved. The pro- showed himself at once an able writer and and will doubtless be senior wrangler for prietor of the establishment, seeing a rough a plucky seaman. For a time he had Prince the ensuing year.

a few days ago, and bequeathed a considera second flight of stairs there lives at door No. 63 a widow who has two daughters. I leave the sum of 80,000 florins to the one who always nodded in such a friendly way when she met me." The two sisters fell out as to which of them the old gentleman had left the money. Legal proceedings are impending, but the lawyers are said to be inclined for a compromise by dividing the money.

The White Ants of Africa.

The white ant is blind; it has many enemies, and can never procure food until it comes above ground. How does it solve the difficulty? It takes the ground out along with it. I have seen white ants working on the top of a high tree, and yet has been given by a lot of the most promin- it was underground with them to the treeent actresses and "beauty women," telling top; just as the E quimaux heap snow up, how to preserve or purify the skin. But building it into the low tunnel huts in which they all agree on one point at least-that is, they live, so the white ants collect earth, but for some depths underneath the ground, and plaster it into tunnelled ways. Oc casionally these run along the ground, but that they never actually wash their faces, a the tops of trees, meandering along every branch and twig. here and there debouching in optical contact with the small of his back into large covered chambers which occupy | Six feet of cord remain; the policeman half the girth of the trunk. Millions of trees in some districts are thus fantastically plastered over with tubes, galleries and chambers of earth, and many pounds' mining of even a single tree.

Peering over the growing wall one soon discovers one, two or more termites of a someespecially of the mandibles. These imporwith a certain air of business, as if, perhaps, the architect. They are posted there as about, at the mouth of every tunnel, like Sister Ann, to see if anybody is coming. Sometimes somebody does come in the shape of a other ant-the real ant this time, not and belted & night from the warlike formicide, Single, or in troops, this rapacious little insect, fearless in its chitonous coat of mail, charges down the tree trunk, its antennæ, waving defiance to the enemy and its cruel mandibles thirsting for termite blood.

The worker white ant is a poor, defenceless creature, and blind and unarmed, would fall an immediate prey to those well-drilled banditti who forage about in every tropical forest in unnumbered legion. But at the critical moment, like Goliath from the Philistines, the soldier termite advances to the fight. With a few sweeps of its scythe-like jaw it clears the ground, and while the attacking patry is carrying off its dead, the builders, unconscious of the fray, quietly continue their work. To every 100 workers in a white ant colony, which numbers many thousands of individuals, there are perhaps two of these fighting men. . The division here is very wonderful, and the fact that besides those two specialized forms there are in every post two other kind of the same insect, the kings and queens, shows the remarkable height to which civilization in these communities has attained:

These mounds are built into a mesh-work of tunnels, galleries and chambers, where the social interests of the community are attended to. The most spacious of these chambers, usually far underground, is very properly allocated to the head of the society, the queen. The queen termite is a very rare insect, and as there are seldom more than one, or at most two, to a colony, and as the royal apartments are hidden far in the earth, few persons have ever seen a queen, and indeed most if they did happen to come across it, from its singular appearance, would refuse to believe that it had any connection with the white ants. Her one duty in life is to lay eggs, and it must be confessed she discharges her function with complete success, for in a single day her progeny oftne amounts to many thousands.

Pancakes.

How dear to my heart is the food of my childhood When poor hotel dinners recall it to view: in the expressive language of the Bowery-The chickens, the partridges shot in the

wild wood And all kinds of jam that my infancy knew. days. Good-morning.' The plump fat old turkey with cranberries nigh it,

But best of them all and I cannot deny it, Were those good buckwheat pancakes, I ate great criminal, hire a house in the suspected when a boy.

These good buckwheat pancakes, those excellent pancakes. Those unrivaled pancakes I ate when a boy.

Marines Vancy also have some changes to make in my ap. For at noon or at night, when returned from my toil, I found it the source of an exquisite plea-

lady companion transformed into a man. He | How ardent I seized them with countenance glowing, And unto the table did bear them with joy.

And soon to my mouth mighty fragments were going terously fettered his companion's wrists with | Of those good buckwheat pancakes I ate when a boy.

of Scotland Yard, and in female apparel have Those good buckwheat pancakes, those ex- Marquis of Dufferin and Ava. This honour cellent pancakes

> How nice from the griddle right hot to re ceive them,

A woman at Hutchinson, Kan., with Not even ambrosia would tempt me to leave which proved unsuccessful. But for its lack

open door. And oft when pursuing my way through been crowned with success. The noble marlife's wildwood,

And learning a bit of it's sorrow and joy, My fancy returns to the scenes of my child-

And those good buckwheat pancakes I ate when a boy. When Miss Fawcett, daughter of the late | Those good buckwheat pancakes, those excellent pancakes

well. This same Miss Fawcett has been tered the shop of the principal barber in or of the "Emigrant's Farewell." In "Let. systematically beating the best men of her Innsbruck, sat down in a chair and made a ters from High Latitude," Lord Dufferin looking fellow clad in the national Joppe Jerome Napoleon as a companion in his voy-A retired Government clerk died in Vienna reclining on the velvet plush, requested him age to Iceland. But the vexed ocean was too tury. to "get." "We don't serve peasants here; much for Jerome. The Prince preferred

be shaved by your rival across the street. I am the Archduke Joseph."

The Hon. Edward Blake has in timated to a reporter for a British Columbia journal that he has no thought of resigning his seat | educated or otherwise efficient, is as "soundin Parliament.

Police in Japan,

A Japanese policeman was never known to smile, but when he finds it necessary to proceed to the extreme step of arresting a with a pall of sor:ow and solemnity that would do credit to an Irish undertaker tak ing the coffin measurement of an archbishop. Grasping the offender firmly with one hand. with the other he extracts from an invisible pocket of great capacity a roll of strong cord. Whispering polite and minute directions in grasps the loose end, and bowing to the prispended and traffic is stopped.

the only amusing side of Japanese justice. reasons. One of these was that the water "It is curious, in all the delving and what larger build, considerably longer, and If you follow the white clothed policeman being so buoyant a boat would naturally investigating of the newspaper correspondand his prisoner you will soon reach a police float higher and therefore displace less ents that the real reason has never been pubstation in which sit a dozen clerks and water; and the other, that the water being lished of the Crown Prince's antipathy tofunctioners hard at work at books and accounts and reports, with nothing except much more purchase because of the great vengeful and resentful disposition, and his one was the master of works and the other their physiognomy and the little teapor and resistance of the heaven water. It is further dislike for his mother's people dates back tobacco brazier beside each one to differentiate them from similar European efficials. the less the displacement, and hence the learned that the Empress Victoria was about The prisoner will be taken before a superior | faster ought to be the time made in covering | to give birth to a child, and to the probable officer, the charge against him noted down; a certain distance. One of the peculiarities heir to the throne of the German Empire, he will be searched and then put in one of of the lake is its proneness to sudden and there was a great deal of excitement in Bera dozen wooden cells, ten feet square per- totaily unexpected storms. On the clearest lin. The Empress, as you probably know, haps, separated from the central passage by possible day, when not a cloud can be seen is a woman of strong mind. She is the oldgreat wooden bars reaching from floor to overhead and the sun is shining brightly, a est daughter of Queen Victoria of England, ceiling, and making a cell curiously like an squall is liable to rise on the water, and the and, over there, she imbibed all sorts of elephant house, but providing admirably wind has been known under these circum- notions concerning the superiority of woman for ventilation in this hot climate. At the stances to blow at the rate of sixty miles an to man, and the mission in life of the Queen's police station he may not be kept more hour. These winds come from the mountain daughter, and so on. The result was that, than twenty four hours, and then he is re- tops and hillsides which are only a few at an early period of her married life, she moved to a central station on a large scale miles to the eastward. Sometimes they convinced Frederick that she must have her minus the functionaries and plus the necessary arrangements for the dentention of silently across the plains between the up her mind on the eve of the birth of her

much like European courts. ed a room where twenty particularly intellig storm will be terrific, and then there is gent looking officials sat at both sides of a great danger to unseaworthy vessels. long table piled up with newspapers, scissors, blue and red pencils, paste pots and all the familiar equipment of the exchange editor's sanctum. I turned to my guides for an explanation, and caught them regarding me and each other with amused smiles. Then I saw the joke. It was the Bnreau of News. paper Censorship, and those gentlemen with the spectacles and scissors and paste were examining all the newspapers of Japan for reasonable or seditious sentiments or improper criticism of ministerial and imperial afiairs. I was introduced, the twenty gentle-

men rose simultaneously and the laugh became, general. "This," said my guide waving his hand proudly over the piles o newspapers and the teapots of the censors. "is an institution you have not yet reached

The procedure of this branch of the Japanese police is simple in the extreme. lynx-eyed censor discovers an article which seems to his conservative notions to threaten the stability of the government, to bring a minister into contempt or to foster improper agitation among the people. He extracts it and submits it to the director of the bureau. who probably takes counsel with the higher authorities. If the censor's view is confirmed the editor of the paper is peremptorily but politely summoned-everything is done politely in Japan, and I have no doubt that the school boy is politely birched and the criminal politely executed-to appear at the department of police at a certain hour on a certain day. When that summons comes to join the innumerable caravan of martyrs to a sense of journalistic duty he knows thathe is a "goner." "Sir," he is told, "your estimable journal is suspended for so many

The whole system of secret police is highly developed in Japan. There is a regular in case it is necessary to hunt down some neighborhood and live there. One of these men loses caste very much in his office, if he does not actually suffer a degradation of position, by failing to return with the information he is dispatched to secure. Besides these however, there is a regular staff of private police correspondents in all parts of the country, and one whole bureau at the department of police is devoted to receiving, ordering, classifying these, and taking action upon them. A good deal of information must be picked up from the tea houses, each of which is a center of gossip, and in one or other of which almost every male well-to-do inhabitant of Tokio is an habitue. - [Tokio Cor. New York World.

Lord Dufferin

The Earl of Dufferin has been made a marquis, and in future will be known as the has been worthily won. Few men have Those unrivaled pancakes I ate when a boy served the State with greater efficiency. Thirty-three years have passed since he entered upon the service of his country. In 1885 he appeared in Vienna attached to the mission undertaken by Lord John silk cords simply tied in hard knots like a of success the youthful diplomatist was in has since undertaken has almost invariably quis is the son of Helen Selina Sheridan, the eldest, if we mistake not, of the three skirt front borders three-quarters of a yard famous daughters of Mr. Thos. Sheridan deep, Russian and Figaro jackets and -ladies renowned alike for their beauty and their accomplishments. The late Earl of Beaconsfield, charmed with all of them, used to speak of Lady Dufferin as possessing even Beads are still intermingled in many of the greater ability than Caroline Norton, subsisters were dowered with a large measure of genius: but probably Lord Beaconsfield A man dressed in Tyrolese costume en | was right in awarding the palm to the authable sum of money in these terms :- "Up this is a saloon for gentlemen." The stranger Paris to the North Pole, having no fancy for rose with a smile. "Very well," he said, a home upon the deep. In Syria, in Canada, ed bad butter of \$420,000 annual value last "but oblige me, in case my adjutant should | in Turkey, in Egypt, in India and in Burmah, come in, by telling him that I have gone to wherever the affairs of England required of \$2,600,000. The improvement in quality special attention during the last thirty years, has been mainly wrought by a judicious exthither Lord Dufferin has been sent with penditure of a sum not exceeding £11,000 a

> A ministry without love, however ing brass."

America's Dead Sea.

Salt Lake, America's Great Dead Sea, Is mysterious, because covering as it does 2 500 square miles with an average depths lowbreaker his face becomes clouded over of forty feet, no man has yet found its out let. Fresh streams pour into it from all sides, and yet to day it is bring as when all quarters of the globe to tell what be scrupulous consideration for the feelings of given as a solution the possibility of a subassigned for the lake maintaining its average march away in a touching union of sadness mass there is yet a strong current found in toward the people of Great Britsin. and security. The neighborhood is paraly z- two places. Old seamen who have naviweight of subsoil must be brought up for the ed during the performance, business is sus- gated the lake for years have always held to the theory that this was the fastest The formality of an arrest, however, is water in the world for rowing, for two ments," said the Captain, with a shrug. so dense the blade of the oar necessarily had ward the English. He is of a peculiarly reargued that the greater the speed of the boat from the moment of his birth. When it was rush down the narrow canons, and, stealing prisoners for long periods. The courts are mountains and water, spend their force on a current of air coming across the lake from

The Coal Miner's Strike. If the coal strike in England actually takes place, it will be the most formidable movement of organized labor that has ever occurred. It has been estimated that it would throw out of work 240,000 men and boys, representing with their families, quite 1,000,000 peopls. The object of the proposed strike is to secure an increase in wages of 10 per cent., this corresponding to the reduction in wages that was made three years ago. At the time of the cut down the coal trade of England was in an exceedingly depressed condition, and it was generally admitted, even by the miners themselves, that a reduction in wages was inevitable. But within the last twelve or eighteen months the coal business has improved, though the owners of the mines assert that the improvement consists in larger sales, but not in increased prices. However, there seems to be a difference of opinion on this subject, for the mine owners in Lancashire offered to increase the pay of their men 5 per cent, without condition, and even 10 per cent. if the mine owners in other parts of England made corresponding increase. But the conditions of mutual support made it impossible for the Lancashire miners to accept this proposition, thoughit was understood that quite a number of them were favorable to it. The trouble with coal mining in England is that prior to 1875 the prices of coal were abnormally high, which led to the opening and developing of a large number of mines, so that the average output has frequently been considerably greater than the ordinary consump tion, thus leading to an inevitable decline in

Fashion Notes.

Nothing so useful, and at the same time so as laborers, merchants or travellers, or even | elegant, has appeared as yet this season as the embroidered French cashmeres. They are brought out in reseda, rosewood, gold, terra cotta, pine green, olive-in shor, all the newer art colours. The embroidery is worked in self coloured silks, exquisitely rather expensive at first, pays for itself in the wear of the gown when made up. These dresses are charming in appearance, they do not wrinkle or soil quickly, and can, after long use, be cleaned equal to new if desired.

For head garniture in full dress, we see visible indications of a return to narrow flower-wreaths, sometimes two and three rows of fine blossoms going round the head, the ancient Greeks. This, however, is a special mode, adapted to the style and carriage of but few women. But more general, and much more simple, is the fashion of wearing an osprey of delicate flowers, or one large damask rose with foliage. This is the "Jenny Lind" fashion revived, and the cluster is worn on the left side of the head, just below

the bump of caution. One of the fashions of the day which is something more than a fashion-almost a craze, indeed-is pasementerie. From plain Russell to the Austrian Court, a mission friar's girdle, to placques as intricately wrought as the richest laces, all sorts and kinds are represented. Passementerie appears everywhere, even at the neck for a brooch, at the belt for a buckle, and upon bonnets, hats wraps, gowns, jackets, and even shoes. There are also imported entire sleeves entirely of passementerie. Nothing can equal the grace of the design and delicacy and elaborateness of the work. patterns, and there are, among other importations, very elegant narrow panel pieces to be laid upon wide box pleatings, also other large devices for portions of the gown, all of nasturtiums and wall flowers, and terra cotta silk cords and beads, the richness of effect of this handwork being unsurpassed in beauty and art by any of the treasured relics of the sixteenth cen-

Denmark, which twenty years ago exportyear exported excellent butter of the value year in providing the country with dairy schools, where the pupils are trained in the theory and practice of dairy work, and are taught to make butter and cheese of best vision for the last. He that never thinks quality during all seasons of the year.

The Story of the Withered Hand.

I was sitting in the corridor of the Kaiserho Hotel one night, in Berlin, when an officer of the Guard de Corps, with whom I was a quainted, came in. He was commanding the escort of a distinguished foreigner at Berlin, who came to pay his respects to the irst discovered. It is one fifth pure salt, new Emperor, Frederick. The officer sat and so dense is it that it is impossible to down on a bench beside me, after sending sink in it. It has puzzled scientists from up his card, and, learning that the Ambassador was still in bed enjoying his afternoon comes of the water that constantly flows pap, we had a talk about court matters in the ear of the victim, who obeys them with into its capacious maw, and while some have Germany. It was impossible to hold a conversation of interest on any other subject at more often mount in endless ramification to his captor, he winds the cord several times terranean outlet, and some have accounted the Capital at that time. The whole civilaround his waist and then attaches his wrists for its disappearance by soler evaporation, ized world had its eyes centered on the no absolute satisfactory theory has yet been | Capital of the German Empire, just as it is to day, and the English-speaking world was volume since its first discovery. Strange to particularly interested in the attitude of soner with an "After you, sir," the pair relate, while there is no outlet to this saline the Crown Prince—the present Emperor—

"He hates the people across the channel,

does he not?' I asked. "Hate scarcely expresses his senti-

own way at all hazards, and when the made child that she must have an English physician to attend her there was a great skurry-After visiting many court rooms we reach. the north. At the point of contact the ing and rushing around the palace. At the last moment an English physician was found and taken to the palace. He was clumsy and exated. The result was that when the child was born it was found that the surgical instruments had crushed his left arn and hand. From the instant of his birth young Prince William's arm was withered. He grew up a soldier in every fiber of his body-a wonderful horseman, skilful with his sword, and full of fire and dash. But, even at the outset of his career as an athlete and horseman he found himself handicapped by the awful drawback of the withered arm. He was obliged to eat with a queer sort of combination of knife and fork, which could be held in one hand, and, for a long while, it was impossible for him even to hold the reins of his horse in his left hand. By dint of continuous practice in developing the muscles that were not withered in the hand and arm he succeeded in acquiring the grip on the reins, and he has it to this day. A species of blind and argry rage possessed him that he-the prospective heir of one of the greatest empires in the world, descendant of a line of kings extending over 900 years, and the possible future master of Europe-should find himself crippled in the face of every worldly advantage. By degrees this peculi ar, sullen resentment for which he is notable settled upon the bungling physician who had caused him all this trouble, and thence, by easy stages, he grew to dislike not only the physician, but also the people of his race, and this feeling extended so far that William was actually and pointedly antagonistic to his own mother because she was English born. Nothing on earth will ever convince him that the English are not in some way responsible for his withered arm.'

The Mocking Bird on Guard.

This amusing songster, so highly esteemed in the countries to which it is imported, is almost as common in some parts of Central America as the robins are in our country lanes. Free in the woods they learn to imitate a number of birds so correctly as to deceive any one. The mocking bird is by no means weak or timid, and can defend itself against a score of other birds, as we done, and the price of each pattern, though have more than once had occasion to see. They are quarelsome, living alone, except at certain seasons when they seek mates, soon to separate again.

The mocking bird selects some tree, particularly that called palma real, or royal palm, and makes it its headquarters as soon as the fruit is ripe, appaearing like clusters of golden berries beneath the broad waving leaves. The bird in possession of the tree devotes his time and attention to guarding after the fashion of the classic coif worn by the fruit. He cannot possibly eat it all, but will allow no other a share of it, and this is not so much because he thinks of 'the morrow as because he loves to dispute. He pretends to be not at home while all the time he is lying in wait. He will perch on the roof of the nearest house, or if away from habitations, on another tree, keeping as silent as a mouse does when a cat is hard by, not even indulging in "forty winks." The instant some bright winged songster alights among that yellow fruit, down swoops, the watcher, and trouble ensues, generally ending in the unwelcome visitor being driven off as hungry as he came, temper and feathers both ruffled. Then back to the housetop or tree flies the mocker to await patiently another adversary.

The natives of Honduras and adjoining countries take the fledglings from their nest and bring them up on corn, boiled, ground, and mixed with water to the consistency of dough. They thrive well on it, and having had one wing clipped, are left free in house and garden, subsisting on earthworms and other insects; but they generally become in the end the prey of cats.

Love.

Do not listen to hear whom a woman praises, to know where her heart is; do not for whom she expresses the most earnest executed in bronze, mahogany, gold, amber, enthusiasm. But if there be one she once knew well, whose name she never speaks, if she seems to have an instinct to avoid every occasion of its mention; if, when you speak, she drops into silence and changes the subject, why, look then, for something ! -just as, when getting through deep meadow grass, a bird flies ostentatiously up before you, you may know her nest is not there. but far off under distant hills of fern and buttercup, through which she has crept, with a silent flatter in her spotted breast, to act her pretty little fa's hood before you.

> The first years of man must make procan never be wise.