

MEN AND WOMEN.

There is one reform at the White House that Mrs. Harrison, it is said, is determined to effect-the exclusion of decollete toilets, There will be no more displays of bare arms good terms with the Harrison family she must assume a more modest garment than her present split skirt.

Mrs. Margaret Deland, author of "John Ward, Preacher," lives in Boston. She is, however, a native of Pennsylvania. She is about thirty, has a fair, round face, full of a fine intelligence and bonhomie. She has been a sufferer from rheumatism, and began to write as a solace in enforced solitude. She rewrote her famous novel six times, and such persistent painstaken is worth considering as a factor in her success, and is a rebuke to the average hurried, slipshod method.

The most illustrious victim of the massacre of St. Bartholemew is soon to have a grand monument near the Louvre. Admiral Coligny will stand on a cenotaph, with his right hand clasped and held to his breast, his left on the pummel of his sword. Symbolical female figures of Patriotism and Religion are seated at the foot of the cenotaph, with a large open Bible between them. The three statues are by Crauck. On the cenotaph is the sentence from Montesquieu-"Admiral Coligny was assassinated with nothing but the glory of the State in his heart." A plaque setting forth that Coligny de Rivoli.

"The Duchess" is a Mrs. Hungerford, who lives in one of the most beautiful homes in all Ireland. She has earned a handsome competency with her pen, and anything she chooses to write is sure to bring her a comfortable sum in return. Her Erin home is one of singular taste and richness, for the teller of so many stories is also a careful teresting family, who help to make her home a cheerful and a desirable place. As to the reading public she is simply "The Duchess," so to her neighbors she is simply Mrs. Hungerford, and it is said that many of them do not know to-day that the pleasant visitor at their homes is the author of the stories which are on their tables and on the shelves of their bookcases. She is strangely sensitive on this point and never associates her nom de plume with her identity where it can be avoided. Personally the author is a most charming woman and her company is sought on all occasions by a large circle of friends. She is fond of young people and courts their society whenever possible.

000 to establish the Free School of Mechanical Trades, and intends to double his gift if with the cross of the Legion of Honor. the money shall be needed, has been one of philanthropists for years. He has remained a bachelor all his life, and now in his eightyfifth year he has founded an institution in money. which, like Girard College, will always remain an enduring monument to his princely Vattel and Napoleon, it may be urged that liberality and the high purpose for which it the very possibility of dishonorable death, was founded. Mr. Williamson is of Quaker and the knowledge that a spy's service may origin and was born in Bucks County in 1803. be regarded as "beneath a man of honor," His father was a hard-working farmer in that section, and the son in early life became this duty more an act of bravery than the imbued with those economical principles that in later years enabled him to roll up his immense fortune It is said of him that the guiding principle in his money-making vencan just as well be done to-morrow. To this he attributes his success in the commercial world. He used to be fond of rational amusements, and for twenty years spent every summer at Saratoga. Though an old man, he was passionately fond of dancing, and was always on the floor at the fashionable balls and hops at that famous watering place. He was never at a loss for a partner, for he was known to everybody at Saratoga as "the rich bachelor from Philadelphia.

In personal appearance Mr. Williamson chief. is rather a small man, weighing about 139 pounds. He has a very pleasant face, and some people say his features are somewhat of a feminine cast. He has a bright eye and his whole countenance is suggestive of firmness and dicisive character.

Imprisoned Ghosts.

In various parts of China there is a belief that the souls of very atrocious criminals, who have either been executed or died in prison, are sent back from Hades by Yenlo, the judge there, to undergo a further term of imprisonment, one death not being enough to expiate their crimes. When the second term of imprisonment is judged to have expired the district magistrate beseeches the tutelary deity of the city to accompany him with his release. The order is supposed to reach the imprisoned by burning it, a ceregaol. On August 19 last the district magis- ture." trate of the city of Soochow had placards posted up inviting subscriptions of imitation money for the ghosts then in the city gaol. This was all duly burned and thus converted into currency which would be useful to the ghosts on the long journey before them.

A Great Sleeper.

The case of M. Chauffat, a Frenchman, is attracting medical attention in London. On one occasion last year, he slept continuously for thirteen days and a half, and, at the latest advices from England, he was lying asleep at the Alexandra Palace, having fallen into a sort of trance six days before. His appearance is generally normal, but at times his limbs are set in uncommon rigidity, No respiration is perceptible, and there is a constant twitching of the eyelids.

The old story, so familiar in the history of | bottles 25 cents; trial bottles only 10 cents. English colonization, will, it is not unlikely be repeated. The enterprise begun by private individuals for commercial purposes will develop into a national expedition with conquest and domination as its results. The blunders of the Company and the insurrection thereby provoked have paved the the Sultan of Zanzibar as the first victim. | shirts.

Spies.

Is the service of a spy in war honourable? It certainly cannot be set down as always dishonourable, since some men who have performed it have been regarded as in the highest degree worthy of honor. Nathan Hale, of Connecticut, an American patriot of and bosoms at the Executive Mansion, and the highest character, volunteered, after if the Goddess of Liberty expects to be on Washington's defeat on Long Island, to go to the mainland and seek information of the strength, plans and situation of the enemy. Hale was a brave young officer, and had distinguished himself by dashing and brilliant service. Probably he had no liking for the work of a spy; but it was enough for him that his commander desired a brave and prudent man for the service. He volunteered, and was accepted.

Hale crossed to the mainland in safety, obtained full knowledge of the situation, and set out to return to Washington's camp. He was discovered by the enemy, and hanged in New York by the order of Sir William Howe without trial. His last words were, "I only regret that I have but one life to

lose for my country." The virtues and bravery of Hale alone would have invested the service of the spy with a considerable degree of honor, even if there had not been many other spies whose work had been almost, if not quite as brave.

But there is no doubt that the duty of a spy is commonly regarded as in some sense dishonorable, even by those who take advantage of it.

Vattel, the author of the "Law of Nations," says that "a man of honor, who would not expose himself to die by the hand once lived there has been affixed to 144 Rue of the common executioner, ever declines serving as a spy; he considers it beneath him, as it seldom can be done witnout some kind of treachery. A sovereign, therefore, cannot lawfully require such a service of subjects, except, perhaps, in some singular case, and that of the last importance."

Following this idea, the French have always had a certain repugnance to spies, even their own. The story is told that, at the time of Napoleon I., a French spy was housekeeper and manager. She has an in- charged with making a plan of the fortificasions of Mayence.

When he arrived at that city, he found the German garrison expecting the arrival of an English general. The spy was able to speak the English language perfectly well, and it occurred to him that it would be an excellent plan for him to impersonate this English general.

He carried out his plan so skillfully that no one suspected that he was not a genuine English officer; and as the English were in alliance with the Germans, he was taken through all the fortifications, and given every item of information that he wanted.

When he had seen and taken note of everything, he disappeared, and returned to Napol-Isaiah V. Williamson, who has given eon's headquarters. His information proved one-sixth of his fortune of \$15,000,- of great service to his country, and it was proposed to the Emperor to decorate the man

"No, indeed, "said Napoleon. "I did Philadelphia's most energetic capitalists and not establish the Legion of Honor to reward services of that kind."

But he gave the spy five thousand dollars

In opposition to the doctrine laid down by may render the voluntary performance of most daring service on the battlefield.

The soldier has the rush and excitement of battle to spur him on to brave deeds; the spy has before him the possibility of an tures has been not to do a thing to-day that ignominious death. He must meet peril alone, and in cold blood. The scldier's brave service may be the result of a sort of physical courage, while that of the spy must be the result of moral courage.

As America has honored a spy in the person of Nathan Hale, it is distinguished as the first nation to institute a full trial by court-martial of the spies of an enemy. Previous to this, it had been customary to send spies to the gallows, as Nathan Hale was sent merely upon the order of a commander-in-

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

A generous supply of good pure water is an absolute necessity in profitable dairying. Better to have surplus of hay than not enough. You cannot foretell how severe the winter may be.

When the horse shies at some object, or stumbles, do not whip him. Help him to stand, and show him the folly of his fear.

Burnt corn is a most excellent thing to feed to poultry, and is far superior to wood charcoal, which, however, has wonderful effect in promoting the health of the fowls.

"Drainage," says a communication in the American Cultivator, "marks the lines beto the prison in order to acquaint the ghost tween swamp and grain field, between swale and grassy meadows, between mosquito plantations and pleasant orchards and groves, mony which is solemnly carried out in the between unprofitable and profitable agricul-

tion that water is just what the duck re quires, and that dampness is no injury, but the fact is when it is compelled to remain during the night on damp ground, it becomes chilled and gets out of condition.

More diseases among fowls than many imagine are directly due to the presence of lice, which, by sapping the vitality of the fowl, and by causing irritation and uneasiness, render the system easily susceptible to the germs of disease. Good health is the best preventive of disease, and good health is largely dependent upon freedom from

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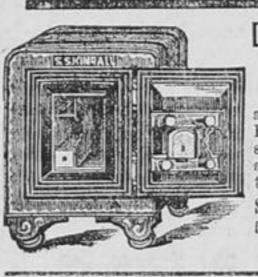
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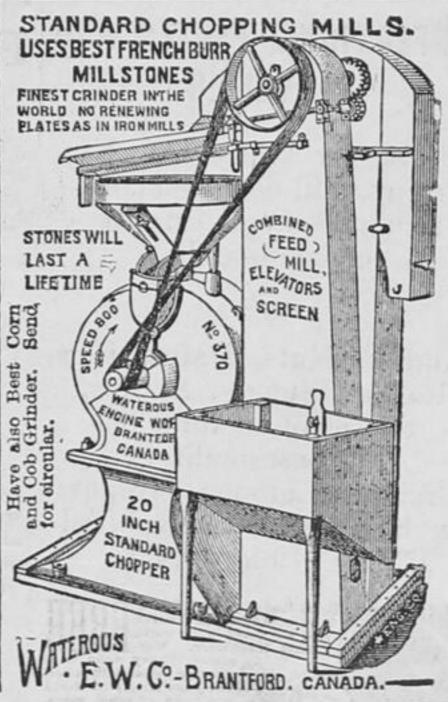


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