

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Russian army of the Caucasus is concentrating at various points on the frontier of Armenia from Batoum to Mount Ararat.

Zevin is noted as one of the points where the Russians suffered a severe defeat at the hands of the Turks, through the temerity of the Russian commander, who threw his men against a formidable position without sufficient reconnaissance or information as to the strength of the Turkish force.

Another important point on the frontier, from which an advance would be made in the direction of Erzeroum from the north is Olti, which is connected with Ardaghan, which was lost to the Turks early in the last war through the treachery of its commander.

On the Arat side of the frontier a movement would be made from Erivan by Etchmiadzin, the seat of the Armenian Catholics, the head of the Gregorian Church, across the Araxes and the spurs of Ararat to Bayazid, and thence on to Van, on the east end of the lake of the same name, and by Bitlis and Moush on through gloomy defiles to Diarbekir.

AT LONG RANGE.

I've just expressed my opinion of Snobson, and told him in plain terms what I think of his contemptible meanness.

Snobson's a pretty dangerous manto talk to that way. I suppose you were ready to back your opinion.

I am, said the infuriated man, as he sealed the letter and wrote Snobson's name on the envelope.

THE HOME.

CLOTHES MOTHS.

Every careful housekeeper feels that one of the worst pests she has to contend with is the common clothes moth. During the summer months considerable attention must be given to all kinds of woollen and fur garments to keep them secure from the enemy.

Those articles put away and left undisturbed for some time are liable to be most injuriously affected. Articles in daily use and rooms frequently aired and swept are not apt to become infested with moths.

All furs should be beaten to dislodge loosened hair and the larvæ or motths which may be on them. They should be combed with a clean comb and exposed to air and sunlight.

Cloth-lined carriages and upholstered furniture may be exposed to sunlight and brushed about three times during the warm weather, say April, June and August.

PARSNIPS.

Fried Parsnips.—Pare and boil; when done, drain, season with salt and pepper, dip in thin egg batter and fry in boiling fat. Serve hot.

Browned Parsnips.—Pare and boil the parsnips. When done take up, split, lay in a baking pan, dredge with salt, and pepper, lay over bits of butter, and set in the oven to brown.

Parsnips With Cream Sauce.—Pare and quarter well-grown parsnips. Wash in cold water and put them into a saucepan, cover with boiling water, and let boil until tender.

Parsnip Fritters.—Wash, scrape and boil three or four parsnips. Mash, and season with salt, pepper and a tablespoonful of butter, add to a pint of egg batter, stir well, and drop in spoonfuls into boiling fat, fry brown, take up, drain on brown paper, and serve hot.

Stewed Parsnips.—Wash and scrape six or eight good-sized parsnips, cut in halves and throw them in cold water to stand for half an hour.

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for five minutes, season with salt and pepper and pour over the parsnips.

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

The handsome and graceful baskets that may have been received, filled with bonbons as gifts, may be converted into beautiful flower holders by lining the empty basket with a fitted piece of waterproof cloth on a thin painted edge of the basket.

The odor from the heating of a new iron vessel is very unpleasant, and it may be avoided in this manner: Place the kettle in the yard at a safe distance from anything inflammable and put into it a cloth saturated with kerosene; drop a lighted match upon the cloth and let the oil burn out.

Among the floral decorations at a recent English wedding, instead of a marriage bell a number of smaller bells of various sizes were hung together. The bells were made of white blossoms with a small orange suspended by a white satin ribbon for the clapper.

THE EXPERIMENTAL UNION.

What is Being Done By the Ontario Agricultural College.

Upwards of 100 varieties of farm crops have been tested in the Experimental Department of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, within the past eleven years, and six hundred of them have been grown for at least five years in succession.

The present system of co-operative experimental work in agriculture was started in 1886 with 60 plots, which were situated on twelve different farms in Ontario.

Interested persons in Ontario who wish to join in the work, may select any one of the experiments for 1897 and inform the director at once of their choice made.

- LIST OF EXPERIMENTS FOR 1897. 1. Testing nitrate of soda, superphosphate, muriate of potash, mixture, and no manure with Corn. 2. Testing nitrate of soda, superphosphate, muriate of potash, mixture, and no manure with Mangels. 3. Testing six leading varieties of Fodder Corn. 4. Growing three Leguminous crops for Green Fodder. 5. Growing three mixtures of grain for Green Fodder. 6. Testing four varieties of Grasses for Hay. 7. Testing four varieties of Clovers for Hay. 8. Testing three varieties of Buckwheat. 9. Testing four varieties of Spring Wheat. 10. Testing four varieties of Barley. 11. Testing five varieties of Oats. 12. Testing four varieties of Peas. 13. Testing three varieties of Beans. 14. Testing five varieties of Carrots. 15. Testing five varieties of Mangels. 16. Testing four varieties of Turnips. Materials for either No. 1 or No. 2 experiment will be sent by express, and for each of the others it will be forwarded by mail.

Particular varieties need not be mentioned, as all the kinds to be distributed are those which have done exceptionally well upon the trial plots in the Experimental Department.

C. A. ZAVITZ, Director. Agricultural College, March, 1897.

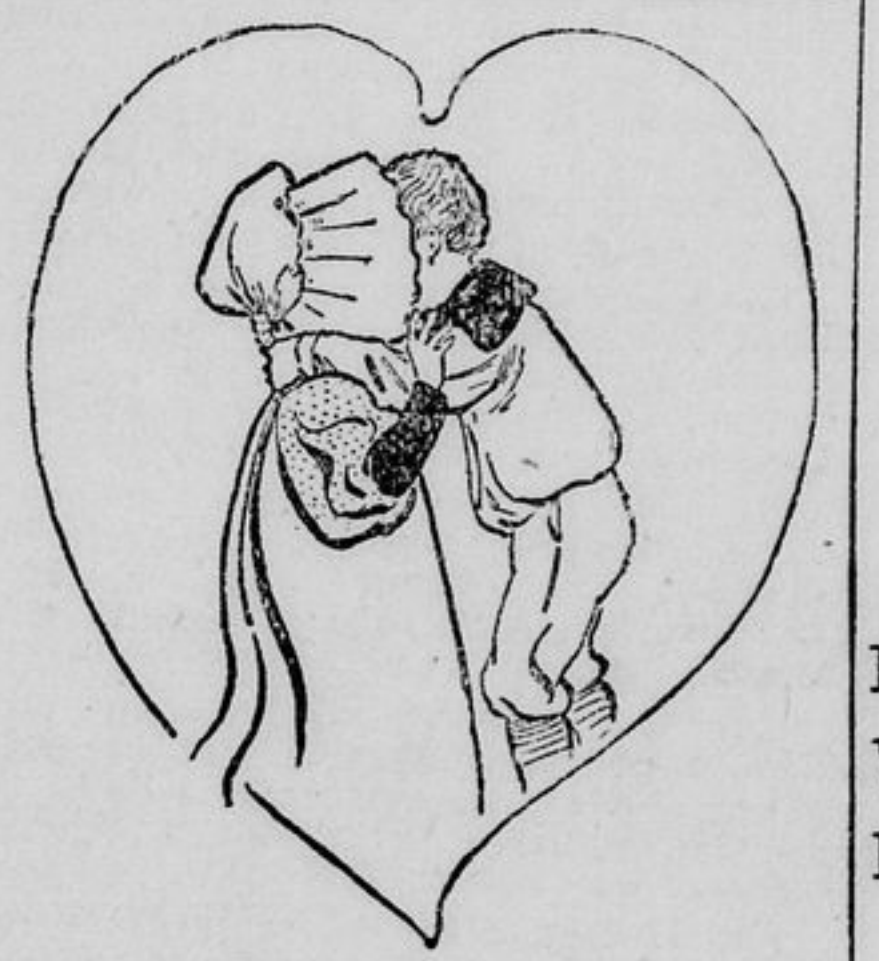
A GIRL'S FEAT.

Made the Overland Journey From Peking to St. Petersburg.

In mentioning, a few days ago, the services rendered by the 15-year-old Countess Cassini as Secretary and interpreter to her uncle, Count Cassini, while Ambassador of the Czar at Peking, writes a correspondent, I omitted to mention that she had just accomplished a feat to which no other member of her sex can claim credit—namely, the overland trip from Peking to St. Petersburg.

CORROBORATING EVIDENCE.

Michener—Straws tell which way the wind is blowing. Oldpart, from Kansas,—Out thar in our country, houses, trees, an' hosses tell ther same tale.



Fifty Years Ago. No theory of germs to chill Affection's budding blisses; When ardent lovers took their fill, No microbes on their kisses.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the standard family remedy of the world for colds, coughs and lung diseases. It is not a palliative, and is not therefore put up in small cheap bottles.

CONCLUSIVE PROOF. From a Well Known Citizen.

"My daughter Polly, has for more than a year been troubled with severe symptoms of kidney disease. She had constant and acute pains in her back. The pain in her head was fearful and almost insupportable."

Wm. N. Ford, Esq., Commissioner in High Court of Justice, Ontario.

The D. & L. Emulsion advertisement. Includes text: "The D. & L. Emulsion is invaluable. If you are run down, as it is a food as well as a medicine."

Farmers Won't advertisement. Includes text: "Do without Implements, because they can't sow or reap profitably without them. But when they buy, they naturally want to do so as cheaply as possible."

Frost & Wood, Wilkinson, Maxwell advertisement. Includes text: "and other well-known manufacturers. ALSO Buggies, Road Carts, Waggons, Stoves, and Musical Instruments"

Charles McKinnon advertisement. Includes text: "Charles McKinnon, IMPLEMENT AGENT, UPPER TOWN, DURHAM"

Durham Tannery advertisement. Includes text: "Durham Tannery. Robe Tanning. Horse Hides, Cow Hides, Dog SKINS, Etc., Tanned Suitable for ROBES and COATS by the new process, which for Finish and Softness can't be beat."

Edge Property advertisement. Includes text: "EDGE PROPERTY FOR SALE IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM. County of Grey, including a valuable Water, Brick dwelling, and many eligible building lots will be sold in one or more lots."

ART OF KEEPING WINTER THE PLEASANTEST OF THE YEAR IN RUSSIA

Houses of Even the Humblest Cold Weather—Mysteries of Stoves—Comforts of Russian. If you want to spend a comfortable winter and not what it is to be cold, or to the happy days of spring...

BRIGHT-FACED. That's the place to be in the winter. In the north, the thermometer is from zero where the snow, as dry sand, crunches under your pleasant crisp snow, breath makes a little icicle and sometimes little icicles of the great fur collar the top of your head.

The heating of these art. It was a great first when I discovered only fuel used in Russia my mind a wood fire glowing, sparkling, logs piled high and a wide, black-throated poetic and romantic rather inadequate water is below zero, water freeze with your feet hearth, with your feet and to hear that all warm during the winter solely by the sarily somewhat of a have since learned other ways of having sides our wretched tiful, perhaps, and a or romantic, but useful. For with a man can carry in a lead a large room at a temperature of 70 OR 75 for twenty-four h cold days they ha but in ordinary we the thermometer heating a day is a "heating" is process. I don't u only tell it as it each room there is erally of white pa 3 or 4 feet square ly to the ceiling. is a brass door, another smaller of several little room over certain little the stove. To me ings of these ar Bill Nye's parlor Power, Brick dwelli and wonderfully increase the heat forward the heat aurora borealis. man brings in an or a dozen st brass door at the fire. Then he ladder and opens takes out a thing lid from somewh gions of the stove ed to roar and w the hour or so w returned to its re is shut and screw and the "heating" while the stove it will keep the choose for twenty you know how re caps you can re ture exactly acc In the peasants' built of brick ar are run on just those in the Em