Questions and Answers.

Where the nuts work loose, what can be done? Cut a thread in front of them with a cold chisel, after screwing them up

How prevent a carriage from rat-

Placing washers of sole leather on the spindles of the axistrees will prevent the noise caused by too much "play." A piece of rubber put in between the thill iron and clip will stop a clatter, and a little coal oil on the circle will stop with the determination to accept of the

What produces garget? Garget, or inflammation of the udder. is a disease which arises from several causes, either local or constitutional; amongst the former are counted all injuries done to the udder, and not thorough "stripping;" amonst the latter are all irregularities of diet. A sudden the sudder of the sudde be liable to cause this disease, because all food in which water abounds will in-

crease the flow of milk. What is the best process for drying

sweet corn ! Gather the coru at the most suitable state for boiling—that is, neither too old nor too green; take a thin slice off all around the outside of the ears with a sharp knife, just enough to cut the top from each kernel; then, with the back of the knife, scrape the ears, taking all the inside of the kernels and leaving the skins and hulls on the cobs. This done, spread the mass on plates and dry in a quick oven, being careful not to scorch it. When nearly dried, put it in thin muslin bags and hang up near the stove until thoroughly dry. Then cover the muslin bags with papers, to preserve from insects, and the corn will keep with-out further trouble until desired for

It there any way of breaking the mean habit of young horses lying down in their harness?

A sharp blow from the whip is often given to make them spring up, but this frightens the colt and is hardly the best way. A farmer who has tried it says it is better to beat him at his own game. When he lies down keep him there until he is uneasy and glad to get up. This can be done by putting the knee on the animal's neck while the hands hold the bridle pieces; then the colt soon learns can, and supposed to be insane, was all how powerless he is. In five or ten minutes he will usually give up and allow the man at his head to enjoy the victory; the mad look of the eye will, leave it; museles will relax their tension and the undertaking, hardly a person living will whole body will lose rigidity. This is the stage of exhaustion, and, better still, of submission. He has been beaten and he knows it, and will never try the same trick again.

#### Domestic Recipes.

FLOUR PUDDING.—One quart of milk, six eggs, eight tablespoonfuls of flour and a little salt; bake half brown.

JUMBLES.—Two cupfuls of sugar, two eggs, one cupful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of sour milk, scant half teaspoonful of saleratus.

CRULLERS.-Two cupfuls of sugar, one of sour milk, three eggs, one tea-spoonful of saleratus, three tablespoon fuls of melted butter.

baking powder.

Sponge Cake.—Six eggs, the whites of some reward for his great sacrifice. six eggs in sugar, the whites of four eggs in flour; beat the yolks and sugar together, the whites separately, to a stiff froth; flavor with lemon

Sona Biscuir.-One quart of flour, half cupful of butter and lard mixed, teaspoonful of salt, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder; mix with enough

milk to make soft enough to roll out. CRAB APPLE PRESERVE,-Wash and pick blows off, but have stems on your crab apples. Take as many pounds o sugar as there are pounds of fruit; add a little water to dissolve sugar; put in mounted, for shopping. part of fruit at a time; when the apples

when all are done boil syrup a few mo-

Roquer Pickles, — One gallon of chopped cabbage, two quarts of green chopped tomatoes, six onions sliced thin, half an ounce of ground pepper, half an ounce of whole alispice, half an ounce of celery seed, half a gallon of vinegar, fourth of an ounce of whole cloves, one-fourth cupful of white mustard seed, one-half gill of salt. one-half pound of brown sugar.

#### Fertilizing Value of Lime.

When lime of any kind is used as a fertilizer it is always scattered on the plowed ground and harrowed in, or upon the harrowed ground and left upon the surface. Lime thus used should always be in a fine condition, dry slaked to a very fine powder. It then sinks rapidly into the soil when exposed to winter rains, and when the washes well. ground is next plowed, some of it that has not been dissolved will be turned up at the bottom of the furrow. It should be applied in the fall, and is generally used when wheat or rye is sown and the field seeded to clover. For old grass fields it is a valuable top dressing, but is most valuable when composted with swamp muck, yard scrapings, old sods, weeds, and such matters. On clay loam soil about fifty bushels per acre is generally used every time the ground is laid down to grass. Fresh burned lime, exposed in the field in small heaps of a few bushels, until it slakes down to a powder, is the most effective. The refuse lime from the kiln is worth only half as much as the best lime, because it is lumpy and can never be brought into as fine a condition. Gas lime is not worth anything but the cost of hauling, as it must be exposed to the air for several months to get rid of the noxious impurities which are hurtful to vegetation.

The Lead Product. The lead product and consumption of the United States are both rapidly increasing, while imports are decreasing. In 1866 the product was 14,342 tons; in 1875, 53,000; with imports in 1866 of 27,200 tons; in 1875, 11,000. The annual consumption of the United States is about 60,000 tons, from which it appears that a slight increase of production would give a surplus for exporta-tion. Spain and Great Britain are the only countries which yield more lead than the United States, their product being 67,000 and 68,000 tons respec-

#### A STRANGE ROMANCE.

Years in a Russian Prison. Forty years ago there lived in Providence, R. I., a young man of great in-telligence and wonderful mechanical ability, who spent a little fortune in the vain attempt of making a perfect representation of Russian iron, and, after as many failures as attempts in this undertaking, he became utterly ruined, finan-cially. His ambition for the secret in-creased as his fortune grew smaller and smaller, and when absolute want stared only means of obtaining one of the greatest secrets in mechanical art, and to gain this he must suffer penal servi-

will increase the flow of milk is a frequent cause of garget. Therefore, a sudden or injulicious allowance of potatoes, green clover, Swedish turnips or other feed in which water abounds, will be liable to cause the sudden of the principal to t feed in which water abounds, will to the Russian government, and when ble to cause this disease, because once within its walls no one need ever hope for a pardon, for none have ever been granted, while but one has ever been known to have escaped, and when the door is once shut to the outside world it is never known what has been the fate of the unfortunate. This, then, was the Providence man's last resort for gaining possession of the secret which was the desire of his life, and became his only ambition. Who would be ungenerous enough to call him foolhardy, crazy brained or without honorable ambition, could be not be looked upon as a wholesouled benefactor to his race? Millions of money have been spent and wasted all over the civilized globe in experiments to gain what our Provi-dence hero de ermined to make a heroic attempt to gain, and risk his liberty and even his life, for the benefit of the whole world. France long since offered a million france for the spine secret, and Prussia and England have similar standing offers, but none has ever applied for the bounty. A Frenchman named Lamount after long experiments made very near imitations, but shortly before the time set for a trial before the appointed officials of France, Lamount was killed in a quarrel which no doubt was brought about for the express purpose of taking his life. His secret died with him.

The simple rumor of the attempted assassination of the czar by an Amerithat was ever known to his friends of what became of our ambitious mechanic, and as nearly half a century has rattled on since he set out upon his perilous remember the circumstance which is here recorded. There's one person, however, in Providence who remembers well the day the hero of our sketch bade her a tearful furewell, promising that before she reached her twentieth birthday he would return to her and fulfill his promise.

All through these long years she has never forgotten her promise to wait for her lover, nor ceased to believe he would

come to her.

She now lives within a moment's walk of the chimes of Grace church, and is still well preserved, and her grace and beauty make her far more attractive than many whose years are the same as were hers when her lover separated from her so long ago. Lately she received the Sona Cake.—One cupful of sugar, one tablesposnful of butter, one cupful of sweet milk, two eggs, one pint of loar, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of his promise of forty years ago, and let us hope he may bring the secret he paid for so dearly, and that he may live to see

#### The Winter Fashions for Ladies. Dress sleeves are made close at the

Sleeves for outside garments are wide or half wide.

Old fashioned knitted purses have become fashionable.

There is no diminution in the demand for colored hosiery.

Chatelaine pockets of velvet, silver A greenish cream color will take the

begin to crack, skim out into a jar; lead among new shades. Dresses are cut high on the shoulders

ments, and skim; then pour over fruit; and very high in the neck. Crinoline avoids all that is bouffant immediately below the waist.

Solid colors are preferred to stripes in both ladies' and children's hose,

Corsages of all kinds show an unusual number of perpendicular seams. Catogan nets are in shades to match

the hair, also in all bright colors. Great variety is observable in the

tyle of trimming undergarments. Necklaces of filigree silver will be popular to wear with dark dresses.

Combination costumes will be quite as fashionable as they ever have been. Unbleached stockings finished with embroidery on the fronts and sides are

in favor. Percale underwear is the great favor, as it is fine and soft and wears and

Evening gloves are worn very long, requiring often ten or twelve buttons and never less than six.

"Dog collar" bands of feathers clasped with the head of the bird, or tied with ribbon, are introduced.

Many of the new basques are cut with gores under the arms. By this new style all basques and polonaises can be fitted perfectly over the hips and the waist is also lengthened in effect. Instances of this fashion are seen in the "Gwendolen" polonaise, and the "Leona," "Mariana," "Daphne" and "Elsina" basques.

#### Romance and Reality.

He wanted her but she would not give parents. So he went into the room where they were and modestly stated

the case "And you really think you love her enough to marry her?" said the father, after he had finished.

shiped object of my every thought every hope, every aspiration." He stood there with clasped hands, his face radiant with the strength of his devotion. There was a moment of pause, and then the mother softly asked

"What do you think of that, old "That sounds like business, replied the satisfied father. And so it was arranged that the daugh-

ter should accept her suitor.

DANIEL O'CONNELL. A Mechanic Searching for a Secret-Porty A Leaf from the Life of the Great Irish

In the "History of the Munster Circuit" we read of a trial that took place on the circuit, in 1820, of several men who were charged, on the information of a spy named Daly, of having con-spired to murder certain landlords who resided near Doneraile. Four men were first tried, and, having been found guilty, were sentenced to death, and the others were set aside for trial. Little hope was entertained by their friends and relations, as it was well known the Daniel O'Connell.

It would be difficult to magnify the terror which seized the relatives of the men yet untried, when the fate of the batch of the prisoners was thus sealed. They were aware of the infa-mous character of the spies and informers, and knew that no scruples of con-science would restrain these hardened catiffs from what they called "swearing up to the mark "-so as to obtain con-victions for the crown. There was only one resource for the relatives-only one barrier between the remaining prisoners and the halter: this was the skill and legal acumen of the greatest criminal vyer on the Munster circuit, Daniel O'Connell. Fortunately he was at Derryuane, his country seat, in the county of Kerry; but that was ninety miles away, and there he was advertised to attend a meeting of the people of Kerry, in Tralee, respecting the sub-letting acts, on Tuesday. But his advocacy was the only chance for the untried men, and on the Saturday the judges did not go into court until a late hour. The solicitor-general, considering that the trial of the next ba'ch of prisoners would enerosch on the Sunday, proposed to adjourn over until Monday morning. Mr. M'Carthy endeavored to ascertain the names of the prisoners who would be tried next, but this the solicitor-general could not-or would not-disclose. The crown, he said, had determined to try every one of the pris-oners, and as the came evidence which already procured the conviction of the four was applicable to all, the fears of the prisoners and their friends were naturally at their greatest height.

Under these circumstances, a young farmer named Burke, a brother of one of the prisoners, resolved to ride to Derrynane, and request O'Connell to come off, at once, to Cork, so as to act for the defense on the ensuing Monday. He undertook to be at Derrynane early on the next morning, and, at five o'clock on that Saturday afternoon, mounted on a strong horse of powerful action and singular endurance, he started on his errand for life or death. On he sped, heedless of the coming night, the lonely road, the bleak winds, the pelting rain. A bright, genial sun shone over the wild, rock-bound coast scenery of Derrynane as O'Connell looked forth from his mountain home by the billowy sea on that October Sunday morning. He looked over the splintered peaks of his beloved Kerry mountains, and, after returning, heard the morning mass in his private chapel in the house. He was sitting at breakfast, when he was told "a man, who appeared to have come a long way, desired to see him." O'Connell saw from his window that the man had ar-rived on horseback; and the steaming flanks, the drooping head, and chest The friends of the prisoners yet untried for the Doneraile conspiracy sent me for you. If you don't undertake their de-Doherty will hang them all. There's a hundred guineas for you, and

if you'll come they'll be safe; if not, they'll be hauged." O'Connell was not proof against this compliment, which expressed such confidence in his professional skill. Though half a century had sped since he was born, he was hale and vigorous. He accepted the retainer, and promised to start at once for Cork. Barke then expressed his wish to go with the good news, but O'Connell implored him, in compassion to his good horse, if not to himself, to take food and In case that Burke might reach Cork before himself, O'Connell wrote a short note to the prisoners' attorney, in-forming him "he would attend to defend the remaining prisoners, as fast as horse could draw him;" and then, after a few hours' rest, elated at his success, William Burke commenced his return journey. Eager looks were cast on the road to Kerry from an early hour on that Monday morning. When Burke was descried the question, "What news, William?" came from many a tongue.

The response, "O'Connell will be here in an hour," elicited a shout that rang through the morning air. The joyous news pierced the barred dungeons, and awoke hope in the oppressed hearts of the prisoners awaiting their trial. The fathers, sons and brothers, wives, mothers and sisters fell on their knees and thanked God that their dear ones would yet again breathe the free air of

their native fields. The eventful Monday morning came, the court was opened, the prisoners arraigned, and the judges refused to post-

pone the trial for a minute. Mr. M'Carthy, the counsel for the prisoners, endeavored as much as possible to create delay, being anxious that the prisoners might have the benefit of O'Connell's advocacy. The judges saw through his motives, and Judge Tor-rens, with an epigrammatic air, observed that it was the business of the court to prevent delay and defeat artifice." A very fair jury was at length empaneled, and the solicitor-general commenced his address to the jury, when, amid loud and continued cheers, which actually seemed to drown the sonorous tones of the solicitor-general, the tall form of O'Connell, dust stained and travel soiled, strode into the court house. He bowed courteously to the judges, and his salute was returned most kindly by his old circuit companion, Baron Penneher consent until he had consulted her father. He apologized for his unprofessional appearance, which, of course, was excused, and to his request "to be allowed some breakfast in court," their lordships said: "Most certainly." A large bowl of milk and some sandwiches, plentifully cut, formed his morning "Oh, yes, sir," said the youth in fervent eagerness, "I love her with all my soul. I love her better than I do my life. She is my guiding star, the wor- the statement of the principal crown prosecutor. On hearing a legal proposition being incorrectly stated by the so licitor-general, O'Connell instantly ex-claimed (his mouth half full of bread and milk): "That's not law!" The solicitor-general insisted it was, and the court was appealed to. The decision was in O'Connell's favor. Somewhat crestfallen, the solicitor-general resumed, to be again pulled up, for referring to an act of Parliament which

O'Connell knew was passed only for a

limited time, he exclaimed : "That act has expired." This was blow the sec-

So ably and admirably did O'Connell conduct the defense, that one jury was discharged because they could not agree, and another found the accused not guilty.

#### What is Coming.

Some of the toilets now in preparation for Russia, America and England at one of the favorite establishments of foreigners in Paris, a correspondent says, are elaborately and handsomely made, but juries were packed by friends of the so ridiculous in proportion that an abso-government. In this extremity their lute and final climax has been reached, only hope rested in the advocacy of and the caricatures of 1876 are now complete. A carriage toilet for a prominent London belle is of gray India silk, with tunic polonaise. The skirt is ornament-ed with two flounces of the gray, and separated by one of s. .ded bronze, assimilating in color with the bronze feather trimming which edges the polonaise. Below this falls a scalloped net-work of bronze, edged with narrow fringe, and outlined in the middle with applique embroidery in steel color, whilst a fichu of similar trimming has the embroidered design in conformity to the shape. Bronz boots, fastened with wrought steel buttons, and Marie Stuart bat. The latter of gray silk will be worn far back on the head, and is ornamented with short gray and bronze ostrich plumes, which are arranged to fall over the depression in front. A ruche of tulle is placed under the rim, and a profuse bunch of cardinal red roses fills the left elevation over the temple, and a blue bird is perched in the other. All this toilet is artistically beautiful, until the dragging process is commenced.
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#### Good Humor.

Good humor is the clear, blue sky of the soul, on which every star of talent will shine more clearly, and the sun of genius encounters no vapors in his passage. It is the most exquisite beauty of a fine face, a redeeming grace in a homely one. It is like the green in the flanks, the drooping head, and cases flecked with foam, confirmed the servant's notion that the man had indeed come a long journey. The rider was at conce admitted into the library. Addressing O'Connell, he said: "I left covered by the ear, yet filling up the dressing O'Connell, he said: "I left covered by the ear, yet filling up the rode ninety miles to see you, counselor." melody.

> A gentleman, on walking out one Sunlay evening, met a young Scotch peasant girl, whose parents lived near his house. "Where are you going, Jenny?" said he. "Looking for a son-in-law for my mother, sir."

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