

Capacity of Boxes.

A box four inches by four inches square and four and one-fifth inches deep will contain one quart.

A box seven inches by four inches square and four and four-fifths inches deep will contain half a gallon.

A box eight inches by eight inches square and four and one-fifth inches deep will contain one gallon.

A box eight inches by eight and two-fifths inches square and eight inches deep will contain one peck.

A box sixteen inches by eight and two-fifths inches wide and eight inches deep will contain half a bushel.

A box sixteen inches square and eight and two-fifths inches deep will contain one bushel.

A box twenty-four inches long by sixteen inches wide and fourteen inches deep will contain half a barrel.

A box twenty-four inches long by sixteen inches wide and twenty-eight inches deep will contain a barrel (three bushels).

Mexico is the richest mineral country in the world, not excepting Peru.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

At Port Townsend, Wash., what is said to be the second known specimen of the big fish, *Aerotus Willoughby*, has been taken. It was speared as it was swimming under a wharf. It weighs 100 pounds.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him.

WALDO, KENNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A recent shipment of malt from Milwaukee amounted to 3,100,000 pounds and filled 100 cars.

Why Suffer Like Job?

When St. Anthony's Ointment will heal all sores, new or old, or money refunded, 50 cents per box, all druggists or St. Anthony Mfg Co., Chicago, Ill.

Senator Lodge's residence at Nahant, Mass., has been taken for use by the Government as a signal station.

No-To-Bac For Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

There are five comets foretold by astronomers for the year 1898.

To Cure A Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

There are said to be fifty-seven frog farms in the United States.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

At least one peach tree was in full bloom early this month at Williamsport, Md.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

The maximum temperature of the Gulf Stream is eighty-five degrees.

Chew Star Tobacco—The Best. Smoke Sledge Cigarettes.

Russian ranks sixth among the wine producing countries of the world.

Fits permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. 27 trial bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 161 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

The republic of Andorra has just remodelled its law court.

To keep the pores open is essential to health. Glenn's Sulphur Soap does this. Of druggists. Hill's Hair & Whisker Dye, black or brown, 50c.

How Are You This Spring?

Tired, nervous? Can't get rested? Tortured with boils, humors? That is not strange. Impurities have been accumulating in your blood during winter and it has become impoverished. This is the experience of most people. Therefore they take Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify their blood in spring.

"My daughter was run down and tired while in school, and I have been giving her Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has purified her blood and built her up, and she is now getting well and strong. I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla myself with excellent results, and whenever we have any little ailment we resort to this medicine. It keeps me in good health and good spirits, and makes me feel younger. My husband has been taking Hood's Pills, and says he never found any he liked as well." Mrs. JENNIE PFAEZOHN, 424 Warren Street, New York, N. Y.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is America's Greatest Medicine. Sold by all druggists. \$1.50 for 50c. Get only Hood's.

Hood's Pills are the only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

HOOD'S PILLS

"I suffered the tortures of the damned with protruding piles brought on by constipation with which I was afflicted for twenty years. I ran across your CASCARETS in the town of Newell, Ia., and never found anything to equal them. To-day I am entirely free from piles and feel like a new man."

C. H. KATZ, 1111 Jones St., Sioux City, Ia.

CANDY CATHARTIC

TRADE MARK REGISTERED

REGULATE THE LIVER

Pleasant, Palatable, Potent, Taste Good, Do Good, Never Sicken, Weaken, or Grip. Ho, 25c, 50c.

CURE CONSTIPATION.

Sterling Remedy Company, Chicago, Washburn, New York, 311

NO-TO-BAC Sold and distributed by all druggists to U. S. Tobacco Habit.

A SMILE TO WIN AND HEART TO WOO.

The world is broad and the world is long. There's a groan of pain and a snatch of song. There's a sky that's dark, and a sky that's blue.

There's a breast that's false and a breast that's true; But above all else there's a hand for you. There's a smile to win and a heart to woo.

The world is round and the world is deep. There's a day of toil and a night of sleep. There's an hour of pain and a day of fear. There's a week of peace and a month of cheer; But above all else there's a hand for you. There's a smile to win and a heart to woo.

The world is sad and the world is gay. There's a time to work and a time to play. There's a thorn of woe and a word of love. There's a sigh that startles the cooling dove; But above all else there's a hand for you. There's a smile to win and a heart to woo.

The world is bright and the world is sweet. There's a resting balm for the many feet. There's a bed of down and a spot of ease. There's a look to cheer and a voice to please; But above all else there's a hand for you. There's a smile to win and a heart to woo.

—F. DON ROBERTSON.

Dan's Predicament.

"Well, good-bye. You will fall a victim, I have not the slightest doubt, to Emmeline's charms."

"Yes; but will she allow herself to be charmed?"

"Not if she's wise. But here is your train. Good-bye; and if you break your heart the great remedy for such complaints is change of scene, you know. If I hear of you in Africa I shall understand what has happened."

The speakers shook hands. He found a place in the train, and she made her way again to the pony carriage in which she had driven him to the station, his farewell words not having been perhaps exactly what they would have been if spoken in the hearing of a less limited audience.

"What an idiot he is!" she said to herself, and then she laughed. The epithet would not have wounded the feelings of the most sensitive of mortals had he read aright the laugh that followed it. "Poor George!" was with a sigh her next comment, and a grave look clouded her bright face.

George was the husband for whom her mourning had now reached the lavender and white stage. Poor George he had never liked her cousin. But there was no harm in Dan, absolutely none. The pony took his time through the hedge-shaded lanes—hedges garlanded with wild roses and honeysuckle.

Three days afterwards the post brought a letter, among others, that was read over more than once by the recipient. It ran after this wise:

DEAR LYDIA—Words spoken in jest, as you and the Greeks say, come true. I am engaged to Miss Winterton. Emmeline—for so I have a right now to call her—made me the happiest of men by accepting me this morning. I feel I cannot let a post go without telling you my news. When I think of how we made a subject for ridicule and merriment of an object to me now so precious, I indeed come to the conclusion that my fate is better than I deserve. Yours, always affectionately, D. FORBES.

P. S.—Emmeline sends her best love, and counts upon your presence at the wedding.

Lydia's red and white grew very vivid as she read this communication the first time. On the second perusal, white predominated; on the third, her color suddenly returned, and she laughed.

"He is a silly creature," she told herself; "I will give him a good time in revenge. He deserves it. How could I be so foolish as to be taken in? Emmeline! Absurd! Poor old Emmeline, with her dust cloak and bag of keys."

Lydia sat down to her writing-table, and looking very much pleased with herself all the while, wrote as follows:

MY DEAR DAN—I do not deny that your note took me a little by surprise, but I am very, very glad (three underlines to each very) of what you tell me. Of course, our foolish little jokes meant nothing. In fact, as a blind, people often joke about those they like best. I think Emmeline is most admirably calculated to make you happy, and I send my sincerest good wishes to your future life. Always, dear Dan, with love to Emmeline, Your affectionate cousin,

LYDIA BRACKENBURY.

P. S.—Please give the enclosed note to Mrs. Winterton. I cannot forget writing just a line to her to say how much your engagement, of which I have heard from you, pleases me. She will be so glad about herself, I know.

Captain Forbes was at breakfast when Lydia's letter was brought to him. The Winterton family were ranged round the table, and without reading his own document, he handed at once to Mrs. Winterton the note enclosed and addressed to her in his cousin's handwriting. Then he read what she had written to him, and his usually lively color turned to a positive gray. This was awful. He had given to Mrs. Winterton a letter to say how much pleased Lydia was to have heard from him of his engagement to her daughter. What a frightful predicament to be in! He looked to the head of the table where Mrs. Winterton, a most grim, stiff and propriety-loving specimen of the British mother, sat behind the teapot. He looked across to Emmeline in her prim, unattractive, old-maidish, latter youth. How should he ever get out of this? Of course the letter was all nonsense. There hadn't been a word of truth in it. How could there have been? Really, Lydia might have known. He had certainly taken a long time to compose the effusion and to make it seem as real as possible; but to whom would it have occurred, even if she had believed such a monstrous impossibility, that she would have gone and written off on the spur of the moment to the old woman? And she didn't seem to care one straw. She believed such an outrageously impossible thing, without the least hesitation or distress! It was nothing to her; evidently nothing at all. Good heavens! what a position; what in the world was he to do? He scarcely dared

look again towards Mrs. Winterton as she read the most unfortunate and ill-conceived epistle. How furious the woman would be. He would have to apologize. He would have to explain that it was only a joke. Only a joke! that was a pleasant explanation to have to make. Well, he had been in some nasty predicaments before in his life, but this outvied them all.

As soon as the women had left the room, the door of which he had held open for them with the most hang-dog air that human being ever wore, Captain Forbes sought refuge in the shrubbery, and racked his brains to determine upon the best course of conduct to be pursued under the present terrific condition of affairs. He had best, he speedily concluded, go and have it out with the old woman and get it over. There was nothing to be gained by waiting. It was indeed past praying for. Thereupon he retraced his steps, and met Mrs. Winterton, as luck would have it, immediately in the hall.

"May I speak to you for a moment, Mrs. Winterton?" he asked.

Mrs. Winterton acceded to the request. She was always stiff and formal, and whether there was much stiffness and formality added to what was usual the unhappy man was too much embarrassed to rightly determine.

"I am sure I am exceedingly sorry that it should have happened," he began, as soon as he found himself in the drawing-room. "Had I had the faintest idea that my cousin would take it in that way, and that this would have occurred, I don't know what I wouldn't sooner have done than write that letter." Mrs. Winterton made no reply. Her pale, cold blue eyes were fixed upon Captain Forbes' agitated countenance. "She gives no help," he thought, "and certainly I don't deserve it. Ass that I was. 'Delirious ass,' as Magregor would say. You see," he went hesitating and stammering on, "my cousin, Mrs. Brackenbury, did not understand that it was a joke, or, of course, she wouldn't have written to you treating the matter seriously. No one can more regret than I do that I took Miss Winterton's name in such a way. You must think it quite unpardonable."

"I do not quite understand you, Captain Forbes," Mrs. Winterton replied, in her rigid, frozen voice. "I do not quite understand to what you are alluding."

"I am alluding to my cousin's letter to you that she enclosed in one to me. I gave it to you, not for an instant supposing that she had taken seriously what I said about my engagement to your daughter," Captain Forbes answered, with the it's-no-use-beating-about-the-bush feeling now uppermost in his distracted mind.

Mrs. Winterton regarded him with a most withering expression.

"Am I to understand from you, Captain Forbes," she inquired, "that you have been amusing yourself, writing to Mrs. Brackenbury to inform her as a joke that you were about to become the husband of my daughter?"

"I know it was abominable of me," Captain Forbes said. "I see perfectly that it was wholly unjustifiable, and I regret my most atrociously idiotic letter more than words can say."

"Yours, certainly, seems an ill-timed pleasantry," Mrs. Winterton answered, her blue eyes colder and her icy manner icier than ever, "and I should have known nothing of the nature of your humor had you not kindly explained it to me. There was no word referring to your joke in Mrs. Brackenbury's letter."

Poor Captain Forbes, "delirious ass" twice over he told himself. If he'd held his tongue, the old woman would have known nothing. He might, he thought, have trusted Lydia not to have been deceived in the way that, during the shock of his sudden dismay, he had supposed. But it was too bad of her. In the sanctuaries of his own room, he drew writing materials to him again and sent her a briefer letter this time than the first had been.

"You have got me into a horrible hole," he wrote, "and I never felt such a fool in my life. I am going back to London at once."

The next morning he found a telegram waiting for him at his club. "When do you start for Africa?"

"She is really a little wretch," he thought, smiling. But he could forgive anything better than that she should have received calmly, even gladly, the announcement of his engagement—to well, to everybody, not only to poor Emmeline, in fact.

"I start for Africa next week," he telegraphed. "Shall I come and see you first?"

"If you like," the answer came. There was no going to Africa for him.—New York Ledger.

Barefooted Dogs Not Fit for Alaska Service.

Archdeacon Phair, who has spent many years in the remote northwest as a missionary for the Church of England and is at present in Montreal, states that intending Klondikers who think of taking dogs with them are making a very serious mistake. Mr. Phair says that the "huskies," or Esquimaux dogs, are well protected with a growth of hair between their toes, which prevents their feet from being frozen. Imported dogs have not this necessary pedal extremity protection, and every dog taken into the Klondike during this winter is sure to suffer and be rendered quite useless. Dozens of noble-looking mastiffs have been leaving Montreal almost daily for the Alaska territory. It seems deplorable that all these animals should have to come to such an untimely end.—Montreal Herald.

Maine people are shipping pine cones to the treeless plains of the West.

THE REALM OF FASHION.

An Equestrian Costume.

For ordinary wear as well as for equestrian exercise this style of basque is popular, writes May Mantou, it having the merit of being especially becoming to ladies of generous proportions.



LADIES' HABIT BASQUE.

Its special adaptation to the requirements of stout women is further emphasized by an extra under-arm gore, provided in the sizes above thirty-six inches bust measure, by which the width of the back, and side back, forms are so decreased that an illusion of slimmness results. The narrow postillion back, with regular coat plaits and lap, is a becoming feature and will be welcomed by those who aim to dress correctly.

Navy blue chevrot is here represented, smooth covered tailor buttons effecting the closing in center front. The glove fitting adjustment is accomplished by double bust darts and

plique bands at the top, the lower edges being drawn in to the centre of the waist. A shaped belt of velvet is closed with buckles at the left side.

The sleeves wrinkle for a short distance above the elbow, standing out at the top with a puff effect, this fullness being arranged over close fitted two seamed linings. Striking combinations of material and color will result in bringing out the best effects of this charming waist. Cloth may be used with velvet and silk and any style of decoration preferred.

To cut this waist for a lady of medium size three yards of material twenty-four inches wide and one-half yard each of mouseline de soie and lace will be required.

Skirt Binding.

Many things have been tried to keep the bottoms of gowns from wearing out, but the bindings soon grow untidy and worn. One desperate woman used leather, but it was heavy and made the skirt hang unevenly. She wanted to know if some one would not invent a tin binding. The latest thing is the brush braid. It is a sort of diminutive street-cleaning affair, and looks like the ordinary velvet. It will last almost as long as the skirt and saves a busy woman many stitches.

A Stylish Reefer.

This stylish reefer of fancy mixed coating in ecru, tan and brown, shows a new feature in the broad yoke collar of ecrú faded cloth that is handsomely decorated with rows of open meshed brown mohair braid. The reefer has always been a popular top garment for young girls, but this season it easily leads all others, and as here presented is quite up-to-date. No more convenient, comfortable or simply constructed style can be attempted by the home dressmaker, and an exact reproduction of this picture can be made from this pattern with hardly any



LADIES' FANCY WAIST.

surving front edges, the upper portion being reversed in small lapels that nest the rolling collar in notches. Machine stitching finishes all edges in strictly tailor style.

The chemisette is of white linen, but can be of material to correspond or contrast with the basque.

The sleeves are of fashionable size and fit closely at the wrists, closing with three buttons and buttonholes.

Basques in this style usually match the material of the skirt, firmly woven textures being the invariable choice.

Serge, covert or broadcloth, whipcord, homespun, corduroy, Henrietta and poplin will all make smart basques that are suitable for shopping or general wear, as well as for bicycle or other out-door exercise.

Narrow braid may take the place of machine stitching, if a different completion is desired.

To cut this basque for a lady of medium size two yards of material forty-four inches in width will be required.

A Stylish Toilette.

Blue and white foulard, mouseline de soie, applique net and band trimming, combined to make the stylish and attractive toilette shown in the large engraving. The fanciful waist is simply constructed, being supported by a fitted lining that has the usual darts and seams. The yoke is smoothly covered with white satin and applique net, the mouseline being shirred with a double heading and arranged on its shapely lower outline, closes together at the shoulder and arms eye. The over fronts are cut quite low, and consist of a broad right and narrow left portion, trimmed on their free edges with applique bands.

A narrow opening on the left side closes the gathered front of mouseline, cut steel buckles, held by straps of blue velvet spanning the distance.

Smoothly fitted under arm portions join to the back, that shows a deep lace-covered yoke outlined by the ap

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History of a Picture Tree.

An eminent American artist, who is now an old man, has never forgotten the lesson he learned from Sir Frederick Leighton in his youth. Leighton was then a brilliant and fascinating young painter, whose future was still before him. He was at work upon an Italian landscape, or upon a picture with an Italian background. In that background he was anxious to introduce an olive tree. He remembered a tree which he had seen in the south of Italy, and remembered it quite distinctly enough to reproduce it, but he was not content to trust his memory.

The American artist remembers how Leighton came into a cafe in Rome on his way to Southern Italy, making the long journey from England for the express purpose of studying that olive tree and of taking home an exact sketch of it, and he remembers also how, four or five weeks later, the ardent young Englishman, brilliant, enthusiastic, versatile, but with a capacity for taking pains, reappeared with a wonderful sketch of the olive tree, upon which he had spent days of unbroken observation and work. From this little incident the American student learned a lesson which he never forgot, and which went far to secure the success which came to him later in life. The story illustrates the great quality which lies behind all real success; alike for the man of genius and the man of talent.—Outlook.

Captain Haff's Long Swim.

Captain John Haff, the famous eastern shore swimmer and athlete, had a narrow escape from drowning last week. He was out sailing on the seaside, and, in endeavoring to free a small boat from the one he was sailing in, he fell overboard. His boat sailed away from him, leaving him several miles from land to battle with the wind and waves as best he could. He was in the water for more than an hour and was almost exhausted when he reached the shore. Captain Haff has had many hairbreadth escapes by sea and land, and on one occasion he was in the water for nearly three days and nights before he was rescued.—Baltimore Sun.

North Carolina's cotton mills consume 50,000 more bales of cotton than are annually produced in the State.

A Good Dictionary For Two Cents.

A dictionary containing 10,000 of the most useful words in the English language, is published by the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y. While it contains some advertising, it is a complete dictionary, concise and correct. In compiling this book care has been taken to omit none of those common words whose spelling or exact use occasions at times a momentary difficulty, even to well educated people. The main aim has been to give as much useful information as possible in a limited space. To those who already have a dictionary, this book will commend itself because it is compact, light and convenient; to those who have no dictionary whatever, it will be invaluable. One may be secured by writing to the above concern, mentioning this paper, and enclosing a two-cent stamp.

The rebellion in the Philippine Islands is reported as increasing in strength.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Holland is the only country in Europe that admits coffee free of duty.

I have found Piso's Cure for Consumption an unfailing medicine.—F. R. Lutz, 1205 Scott St., Covington, Ky., Oct. 1, 1894.

More than 300,000 series of arc lamps are in use in this country now.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

It takes a healthy man four months to eat his own weight in food.

TO MRS. PINKHAM

From Mrs. Walter E. Budd, of Patuxent, New York.

Mrs. BUDD, in the following letter, tells a familiar story of weakness and suffering, and thanks Mrs. Pinkham for complete relief:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I think it is my duty to write to you and tell you what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I feel like another woman. I had such dreadful headaches through my temples and on top of my head, that I nearly went crazy; was also troubled with chills, was very weak; my left side from my shoulder to my