THE LOVE LIGHTS OF HOME.

The bird to the nest and the bee to the When the night from the heavens falls

dreary, And love to the light in the windows of

The light of the love of my dearie. And love to the light, like a swallow in flight.

When the storm blows the stars from the blue of And a kiss from the red rose, a smile from the

white, In the gardens that bloom for my dearie.

The ships to the harbor from over the foam, When the way has been stormy and weary, And love to the light in the windows of home The light of the love of my dearie. And love to the light, like the bloom from the

blight, When the spring suns weave wonders of red and

of white. And the darkness of winter is kissed to the

In the gardens that bloom for my dearie

The bird to the nest and the bee to the comb, And never a night shall fall dreary, While the lights in the beautiful windows of

Are lit by the love of my dearie! And love to the light, like a bird from the night. Where angels in lilies love's litanies write, And a kiss from the crimson, a smile from the

In the gardens that bloom for my dearie. -Frank L. Stanton, in Harper's Bazar

white.

MISS JEMIMA'S VALENTINE.

Two crimson spots appeared upon Miss Jemima's pale face when she heard the gatelatch click. She knew that her brother was did not look up.

She knew, brother brought in a pile of valentines in mantle. But there is apt to come a and nieces, he would come and bring one ment, she is moved to declare herself. spots to her cheeks.

ently come, and, leaning over her shoulder another to be in the bud a maiden wearsthe larger, handsomer one than all the others, "This looks mighty suspicious, Sis' this," or maybe, as he presented it, he different one to be of the dimpled throng out without injury to its frail perforated is quite safe. himself to the younger crowd after this on valentine's day.

tryin'-that's what I would.'

There was always a tenderness in the tears. brother's manner when he handed his sister her valentine. He had brought her some resolution, as she turned to her buone each year for seven years, now, and af- reau drawer. ter the first time, when he had seen the

they had parted in anger, never to meet thirty miles of Simpkinsville. again. Since then she had stayed at home

and quietly grown old, Fourteen years ago she had been in the flush of this, her only romance, and St. lushes she refused to open it for the crowd. Valentine's Day had brought a great, thick pattern, a beautiful lady with slender of maidedly reserves and sorrows will ever Hope and who had an investigating way waist and corkscrew curls, standing beside know. a tall cavalier, who doffed his hat to her as so finely and beautifully written that only very young eyes could read it unaided.

By lifting this card one might read the printed ryhme beneath—the rhyme so tender and loving that it needed only the inscription of a name on the flap above it to make it all sufficient in personal application to even the most fastidious.

This gorgeous affair was so artfully constructed that by drawing its pictured front forward it could be made to stand alone. when there appeared a fountain in the background and a brilliant peacock with argus-eyed tail, a great rose on a tiny bush and a crescent moon. The oldest children had been very small when this resplendent confection had come into their Some of them had not been born, but they had all grown up in the knowledge of it.

There had been times in the tender memories of all of them when "Aunt 'Mimie" had unlocked her door, and because they had been very good, let them take a little peep at her beautiful valentine, which she then?" kept carefully locked away in her bureau drawer.

They had on occasion been allowed to wash their hands and hold it-just a min-

ute. It had always been a thing to wonder over, and once-but this was the year it came-when her sky seemed as rosy as the ribbon about her waist-Miss Jemima had stood it up on the whatnot in the parlor when the church sociable met at her brothit, while for her it made the whole corner of the room beautiful.

But the quarrel had soon followed—a year, in spite of many complications and foolish lover's quarrel-Eli had gone away in anger-and that had been the end. Disputes over trifles are the hardest to

mend, each party finding it so difficult to her possible acquaintance it would naturforgive the other for being angry for so ally hail was the railroad town of-let us slight a cause.

And so the the years had passed.

tine had lain carefully put away. For five her old lover Eli Taylor. years Jemima had looked at it with tearthe children of the household hegan to celebrate the day, and tiny comic pictured passmall corner of his store. brate the day, and tiny comic pictured pages began flitting in from their school sweethearts. The realization of the new intently for a long time changes colorera was a shock to Miss Jemima. In the from red to green and then to white? youthful merriment of those budding romances she seemed to see a sort of reflection thought of sending herself a valentine many things. tion of her own long-ago joy, and in the through her old lover's hands the color of faint glow of it she felt impelled to go to the scheme began to change from impossiher own room and to lock the door and ble green to rosy red. look at the old valentine.

With a new strange tremor about her mysterious evolution its objective point. heart and an unsteady hand she took it out and when in the light of awakened emotion to desire this thing. she saw again its time-stained and caught its musty odor, she seemed to realized could manage secretly to have the valenagain the very body of her lost love and for tine mailed in Hope—a plan over which

Is there a dead-hearted woman in all symbols of love gone by, of passion coo ed recovery of her tears she had found joy

If Miss Jemima had not found joy, she had at least found her heart again-and sorrow. Her life had been for so long a weary, treeless plain that in the dark depth of the valley of sorrowing, she realized, as something only from sorrow's deep poor mortals may know it, the possible height of bliss.

For the first time since the separation, she clasped the valentine to her bosom and called her lover's name over and over again sobbing it, without hope, as one in the death agony, But such emotion is not of death. Is it not the rebirth of feeling? So it was with Miss Jemima, and the heart stillness that had been her safety during all these years would never be hers again. There would never again be a time when her precious possession would not have a sweet meaning to her-when it would not be a tangible embodiment of the holiest

thing her life had known. From this time forward, as an offset to the budding romances about her, Miss Jemima would repair for refuge and a meagre comfort to that which while in its discolored and fading face it denied none of life's younger romance, still gave her back her

own. The woman of forty never realizes her years in the presence of her contemporaries. Forty women of forty might easily feel young enough to scoff at the bald head, and deserve to be eaten by bears-but thirty-nine with a budding maid for fortieth coffer--Never.

Miss Jemima, in her suddenly realized young-love setting, had become to her own onsciousness, old and of a date gone by. "Aunt Jemima" was naturally regarded by her blooming nephews and nieces, as well as by their intimates who wore their bringing in the mail, and, as he entered incipient mustaches still within their conthe room, she bent lower over her work, scious top lips or dimples dancing in their her crochet needle flew faster and she coughed a slight, nervous cough. But she as Mrs. Gibbs who was sixty, or any of their aunts and grandmothers who sat sewithout looking, that her renely in daguerreotype along the parlor his hand, and that presently when he in the life of the live single woman of forty should have finished distributing them to -if she be alive enough-when in the face his eager sons and daughters, her nephews of even negative and affectionate disparage-

to her-or else? he would not do this last. Perhaps there be some who would say It was this dread that brought the crimson | that this declaration savors of earth. Even so, the earth is the Lord's. It is one thing If there was one for her he would prest to be a flower pasted in a book and quite he would say as he dropped upon her lap one thing to be to-day and another to be yesterday.

One thing, indeed, it was to own a yel-Mimie," or "we'll have to find out about low, time-stained valentine, and quite a would covertly shield her by addressing who crowded the Simpkinsville post office

'I reckon them young ones would think "Ef I was a lot o' boys an' girls, an' it was perfectly redic'lous ef I was to git a couldn't git a bigger valentine from all my valentine at my time of life," Miss Jemisweethearts an' beaux than my ol' auntie ma said, aloud, to her looking glass one can set still at home an' git, why, I'd quit morning. It was the day before St. Valentine's of the year following her day of

look of pain and confusion that had folday a great envelope addressed to Miss Jelowed his playful teasing as he had preslowed his playful teasing as he had preslowed his playful teasing as he had preslowed his playful teasing as he had presmima Martha Sprague came in with the
did so, it was with fingers that trembled so
ing House banks of New York alone a sum
of pensioners paid thereat under the new
price of grace! tented it, he had never more than relieved package of lesser favors, and Miss Jemima package of lesser favors, and Miss Jemima package of lesser favors, and Miss Jemima violently that a bit of paper that came with of almost \$200,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,357; New York, 98,-90,000,000 of idle money, or order: Boston, 94,000,000 of id The regular coming of "Aunt Jemima's second for the following of the follo having revolved about her awhile flew off It had been thirteen years since she had it suspicion toward every superannuated quarreled with Eli Taylor, her lover, and bachelor or widower within a radius of

It had been a great moment for Miss Jemima when the valentine came in, and a

How she felt an hour later, when in the envelope in which lay, fragrant with perfume, a gorgeous valentine. Upon this its new envelope her own old self-sent valwas painted, after the old Dresden china entine, only He who has tender knowledge

There was something in her face that forhe presented the card that bore her name, bade cruel pursuit of the subject when she returned to the family circle, and so, after a little playful bantering, the subject was

But the incident had lifted her from one condition into quite another in the family regard and Miss Jenning found heards I sent the old one eighteen years—" regard, and Miss Jemima found herself unconsciously living up to younger standards. But this was ten years ago, and the mys-

terious valentine had become a yearly fact. There had never been any explanations. When pressed to the wall, Miss Jemima had, indeed. been constrained to confess that "certainly, every valentine she had ever gotten had been sent her by a man" (how sweet and sad this truth!).

"Are all the new ones as pretty as your home. lovely old one, Aunt 'Mimie?' To this, last query she had carefully re-

"I ain't ever got none that ain't every bit an' grain ez purty ez that one-not a one.

"An' why don't you show 'em to us Such obduracy was indeed hard to com-

prehend. If, as the years passed, if her brother began to suspect, he made no sign of it save

in an added tenderness. And, of course he could not know. On the anniversary upon which this little

record of her life had opened, the situation was somewhat exceptional. The valentine had hitherto always been mailed in Simpkinsville-her own town. er's house, and everybody in town had seen This postmark had been noted and commented upon, and yet it had seemed impossible to have it otherwise. But, this

> difficulties, she had resolved that the envelope should tell a new story.
>
> The farthest point from which within

call it Hope. The extreme difficulty in the case lay in For ten long years the beautiful valen- the fact that the post office was kept by

Here for ten years he had lived his retiless eyes and a hardened heart. And then cent bachelor days, selling plows and garcame the memorable first anniversary when den seed, and cotton prints and patent

Everybody knows how a spot gazed at

The point of objection became in the Instead of dreading she began ardently

By the only possible plan by which she every day an' hour. the first time in all the years the fountains of her sorrow were broken up and she sob- been finally aided by an illiterate colored

bed her tired heart out over the old valen- servant going there, to return next day-it for openin' yo' mail-an' if you say so, must reach her on the day before Valentine's. This day had come and gone—and "Well, Eli," Miss Jemima answered, tine's. This day had come and gone-and God's beautiful world, I wonder, who her valentine had not returned to her. would not weep once more, if she could, over some of life's yellowing symbols—

Had the negro failed to mail it? Had it prison for what you have done, I don't remained all night in the post office—in know but I'm worthy to go to a hotter remained all night in the post office—in the possession of her love? Would she evwho would not feel almost as if in the er see it again? Would her brother ever,

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tines?

Miss Jemima had not long to wait, and yet it seemed an age before the distribution was over, and she felt rather than saw her brother moving in her direction.

"Bigger an' purtier one 'n ever for Aunt 'Mimie this time-looks to me like,' he said, as at last he laid the great envelope upon her trembling knee.

'Don't reckon it's anything extry-in partie'lar," she answered, not at all knowwork, leaving the valentine where he had dropped it; not touching it, indeed, until she presently wound up her yarn in auswer and turned the key.

sad one to Miss Jemima, and to-night it tion is irresponsible, and will not be this old love-token.

As she sat to-night looking at the outside life, but such as it was, she would not part | dent Crespo has failed, and the progress her again-never, never, never.

hands. At this thought she raised it lovthought of her? Impossible. And, since have been eliminated on the boundry questhe had thought of her, what must have been the nature of his thoughts? Was he ending his old sweetheart a valentine?

pains and trouble from a sample catalogue treaty in congress. and ordered from a distant city, was a fine

the unopened envelope had brought her beconfined to cafes and a few political clubs. of the order is to effect a very large saving fore she felt inclined to confront the far away romance typified by the yellow sheet within. And yet she wanted to see even The contention is too stilly to appeal to more strates that by this reduction of the penthis again-to realize its recovery.

And so, with thoughts both eager and fearful, she finally inserted a hairpin carefully in the envelope, ripping it open deli- wark of Spanish-American independence cately on two sides, so that it might come against over-crowded Europe. The treaty edges. Then carefully holding its sides apart, she shook it.

Something happened. One of God's best traits is that He doesn't tell all he knows-

How Miss Jemima felt or acted, whether "But I'll show 'em." she added, with there fell into her lap a beautiful brand new valentine.

And she did show them. On the next recovered herself enough to take the It was certainly a long time before she her seat to recover it.

There was writing on the fluttering frag-God does well not to tell.

The details of other people's romances are not always interesting to outsiders. However, in this particular case, it may with her, produced seven or eight torn scraps of paper collected at this period from his scrap basket, on each one of which was written in slightly varying terms, bits of rough sketches of a note in which occurred broken sentences like the following:

again every year long as I live, unless you

"If you want the old one back again and

me along with it." One of the lowest things that even a very depraved and unprincipaled person ever did is to collect torn scraps from anybody's waste basket and to read them. To print them or otherwise to make them public is a thing really too contemptible to contemplate in ordinary circumstances. But this case, if intelligently considered, seems well to do so, for, be it borne in mind, all these scraps, without exception, and a few others too sacred to produce even here, are

Miss Jemima always burned her scraps, seeking similar negative testimony from her concerning her laboriously-written reply, it would have been quite impossible. Certain it is, however, that she posted a note on the following day, and that a good many interesting things happened in quick succession after this.

And then ?-There was a little, quiet middle-aged wedding in the church on Easter Sunday. It was the old lover's idea to have it there as he said their happiness was a resurrection from the dead, and belonged to the Easter season, and there was no one to ob-

Miss Jemima showed her new valentine to the family before the wedding came off, but in spite of all their coaxing and begging, she observed a rigid reticence in regard to all those that had come between that and the old one, and so, seeing the last one actually in evidence, and rejoicing in her happiness, they would only smile and whisper that they supposed he and she had been quar'lin' it out on them valentines, year by year, and on'y now got to the place

where they could make up.' The old man Eli, in spite of his indomit-As Miss Jemima pondered upon the with all due modesty, blaming himself for

"I ain't fittin' for, Jemimy, honey, no mo'n I was eighteen year ago," he said, his arm timidly locking her chair the night before the wedding, "but ef you keered enough about me to warm over the one little valentine I sent you nigh twenty year

I'm a criminal li'ble to the State's prison amounts this year to \$1,056.000.

quite seriously, "ef you're li'ble to State's

"Well," said Eli, "I reckon ef the truth ever, ever get through his trifling with the children and finish giving out their valen-both b'long is the insane asylum—for the

ejoits we've acted. 'When I reflect that I might a' been ez happy ez I am now eighteen years ago, an'

think about all the time we've lost.' "Well-"How comes it that Easter comes so late this year, anyhow?"

Ramors for Venezuela

The continued efforts to create in this country an impression that the Anglo-Vening what she said, as she continued her ezuelan treaty is in danger of rejection at ry and 1,000 artillery. In 25 states the hands of the congress at Caracas are probably without warrant. That there should be an element of discontent in the to the supper bell. Then she took it, with South American republic over the outher workbasket, into her own room, and, come of the boundary dispute is natural. dropped it into her upper bureau drawer, Opposition to the government's policy on any great issue is to be expected, and is The moment when she broke the new en- not pecular to Venezuela. It exists in evvelope each year—late at night, alone in her locked chamber—had always been a however, that in the present casesuch opposiwas even a sadder ordeal than ever. She midable in the official discussion that will had never before known how she cared for follow the assembling of congress in the latter part of this month.

Political conditions in South America of the envelope, turning it over and over are peculiar. Whenever a majority opinin her thin hands, great hot tears fell upon ion adverse to the administration is develit and ran down upon her fingers, but she oped in the national legislature, except on did not heed them. It was indeed a mea- the eve of election, it means revolution. gre little embodiment of the romance of a Every revolutionary effort against Presiwith it. She would never send it out from made by the country under his direction has largely increased and fortified his fol-It was even dearer now than ever before lowing. The extreme danger from which after this recent passage through her lover's the part of the United States has snatched ingly and it against her cheek. Could be Venezuela is too fresh in the minds of the have handled it and passed it on without a people to be again invited. Partisan lines ion, and even were this not true, the comparative dictatorship which seems essential jealous—jealous because somebedy was to stability in South American government would impel Crespo to take radical steps if This year's envelope, selected with great he had any reason to suspect failure for the

The efforts of irresponsible agitators to ficiently to embarrass Crespo or the treaty. the Monroe doctrine as the greatest bul-

A Mountain of Idle Money.

Saturday's bank statement reflected a agencies discontinued. still further paralysis of business and in-

she screamed or fainted, no one will ever banks amounted to \$563,331,809. The waukee, DesMoines and Topeka. A new ance. But the result is well worth the eflaw requires a bank to hold idle as a re- agency is established at St. Louis. serve against this liabilty no less than \$140,-

utes before she had strength to move from to aid any business venture, because the 116,036; Chicago, 125,123; St. Louis, 161,conditions are such that prudent industrial and commercial employers of money can- All pensioners of the United States resid- flounce, will be the feature of the summer and commercial employers of money canment, but what it was and why Miss Jemi- not see their way clear to a profit in the ing in foreign countries, and now number- gown of '97. The skirt to which it is atma wept over it and read it again and use of this money even at the very low in- ing 3,781, will continue to be paid from the tached will be quite narrow, and must be

This is the paralyzing and prostrating result of congress' refusal to give the Francisco and Washington. country retrenchment, revenue and rest, be interesting to know that the woman who took charge of the old lover's room in hazards to force a tariff-ripping extra seshazards to force a tariff-ripping extra ses-

The program is a reckless sacrifice of the prosperity of the people to a desire to reward campaign contributers with boun-

But of this wretched partisan purpose the mountain of money now held idle in the New York Clearing House banks, and the millions held idle elsewhere, would "You shan't never want for a fresh one now be employed in creating wealth and paying wages

What do the people think of such a party policy?-Record.

A Fast Run.

of a fast run that was made on the middle division, main line, a few days ago. This fast trip it is stated has never been equalled by any other road in this country. somewhat exceptional, and perhaps it is mail, covered the distance between New-Class engine, No. 101, hauling the fast ton Hamilton and Harrisburg, 83 miles, in 80 minutes, hauling eight heavy cars. One the things that Eli Taylor, post master, did minutes, and one mile was made at the stretch of 13.1 miles was covered in 11 not send to his old sweetheart, Jemima rate of 72 miles an hour. Jacob Beck was rate of 72 miles an hour. Jacob Beck was at the throttle, and A. W. Black, of Har-Miss Jemima always burned her scraps, and so, even were it well to condescend to made by the Empire State express, hauling only four cars, are thus eclipsed by the record of the 101 on the Pennsylvania, hauling a train of double the weight of the New York Central flyer.

Some Good in Sharks

Even sharks have their uses. The negroes of the Guinea coast eat the flesh and consider it very good. In the Mediterranean young sharks are considered good good eating. Fifty thousand dollars' great demand for soup. The shark is a only sure way to neaven, and three or four times a year human victims are sacrificed to it. In some of the islands of the Pacific the teeth are greatly regarded as weapons, being bored at the bases and lashed upon swords, daggers and spears. The droves of dog-fish, forming the purifiers of

Money for Agricultural Colleges.

Under the law which applies a portion of the proceeds of the public lands to the support of the several State agricultural coleges, the Pennsylvania State college will receive for the fiscal year ending June 30. \$22,000. This appropriation, which began ago, and to make out to live on it, I reckon in 1890 with \$15,000, increases \$1,000 a I can keep you supplied with ez thet, fresh year until it reaches the sum of \$25,000, after which the annual gift remains at that But befo' I take you into church I sum. Forty-five states and three terriwant to call yo' attention to the fac' thet tories receive the appropriation, which

American Army for Cuba

General Colby Will Land 15,000 Men on the Island, All to be Fully Equipped.

The organization of an army of American volunteers in aid of the Cuban republic has been completed so far as the enrolling of 15,000 men is concerned, and the obtaining of requisite supplies is advancing rapidly.

The plans of General L. W. Colby, the commander of the army, have only partially been made public. He has selected a rendezvous outside the territory of the United States for the army, equipping and mobilizing the troops where there will be no danger of interference from our government and violation of any federal or state statutes.

The plan in general is to safely land on Cuban soil an American volunteer legion of not less than 15,000 able-bodied men, of which 10,000 will be infantry, 2,000 cavaland territories there have already been companies organized, and others are being formed. The infantry will be armed with the Springfield breech-loading rifles, the cavalry with Springfield carbines and the artillery will be composed of four batteries of six guns each, steel, brass and Hotehkiss guns. Each infantry regiment will have a gatling gun section attached.

The cost required for arming, equipping, rationing and transporting is estimated at \$1,500,000. General Colby is confident that when this army of American patriots is safely landed on the island it will mean victory from the start and the early estab-

lishment of the Cuban republic. General Colby is a man of enthusiasm and patriotic instincts. He is full of vigor and courage, and seems to know exactly what he is doing. He has seen active service during the rebellion and in a number of Indian campaigns in Nebraska, Colorado Wyoming and other western states. He has served in the infantry, artillery and cavalry and in nearly every position from private up to brigadier-general. He is thoroughly in earnest, is confident, and is possessed of the enthusiasm which compels success.

Pension Agencies.

Nine Only After the First of Next September.

The president has signed, on the recomaffair, profusely decorated with love symbols.

create an impression that this treaty demonds of Secretary of the Interior Francis, an important order reducing the For a long time Miss Jemima sat enjoying the luxury of nearness to her lover that amounting to a protectorate, are doubtless states from eighteen to nine. The object They will not materialize in congress suf- to the government without inconvenienc- or a Modjeska? Because they are trained ing the pensioners. The secretary demon- to sit, walk and stand; because every The contention is too silly to appeal to more than a small minority in Venezuela or else-than a small minority where. Conservative opinion recognizes can be reduced by at least \$150,000 per anfore the footlights in the attitude of the num. This executive order will go into ef- ordinary careless woman-stomach profeet September 1st next, its execution having been postponed until that date in ordethat no pensioner should suffer inconvenience in consequence of delay in receiving golden voice of a Bernhardt could make removal of the rolls and records from the Occasionally nobility of carriage is nat-

The agencies abolished are: Concord, N. movement which we so much admire is the ustry.

A.; Augusta, Me.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Pittsburg, Louisville, Knoxville, Detroit, Milof unremitting watchfulness and persever-

The method now in vogue of paying by 833,950, in coin and legal tender currency. remittances has so facilitated the work of But the banks hold also idle a surplus rether the pension agents that the abolishment of of charmers. the above offices was possible. The follow-That is to say, there is now in the Clear- ing are the nine agencies and the number but remember that eternal vigilance is the cannot be lent to premote any industry or 140,266; Columbus, 104,492; Indianapolis,

terest rates demanded—call loans being at Washington agency, and the navy pen-fitted very smoothly around the hips, with sioners will be paid as heretofore from Bos- all the fullness massed at the back. ton, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, San

> Secretary Francis is of the opinion that no valid objection can be offered to this change, and believes that the saving will be even greater than estimated.

Postmasters Unconfirmed.

A List of 185 Nominations Held in the Senate.

For two or three executive sessions recently the Post office Committee, of which Mr. Chandler is acting chairman, has been criticised for holding up nominations. Mr. Chandler says that in all cases where the Senators from the State have been able to agree and where there has been no injustice done, the nominee has been reported with-

out undue delay. A count of the nominations show that there are still with the committee a total Railroaders will be interested in learning of 185 nominations that have not been reported, and of these 85 are offices that have recently become Presidential by promotion from fourth-class owing to increased receipts of the office.

The nominations held up are for the following among other offices: Pennsylvania - Bryn Mawr, Milford, Bridgeport, Jermyn, Columbus, Sunbury, Williamston, Mount Joy, Minersville, Montoursville, Philipsburg, Evans City, Peckville, Derry Station and New Bloom-

from fourth-class. New Jersey-Swedesboro, Atlantic City, Bayonne, Bridgeton, Ocean City, Paterson, Rockaway, Crawford, of which two have

Orange.

field, of which thirteen have been raised

been raised from fourth-class. Delaware-Newark. Virginia - Cape Charles, Manassas,

-America does not seem as favorable to the longevity of trees as are many parts of the Old World, says Meehan's Monthly. worth of shark fins are imported yearly It is said that pines in the north of Europe from Calcutta to China, where they are in are known to have endured for nearly 500 years. In Bavaria there is a larch which god named Jon-Jon in some parts of the is known to be 255, many oaks in Germany African coast. Jon-Jon's mouth is the are known to be over 300 years old, and some over 200 years. Of other trees, individuals are known that have reached the double bows of wide black satin ribbon, ages set opposite to them . Ash, 170 years ; which reach almost to the brim of the hat. birch, 160 to 200 years; aspen, 210 years; mountain maple, 225 years; elm, 130 years; and red alder, 145 years. In our generally becoming. When used on gowns real value of the shark, however, is its country there are few that are more than and not jackets, the bows are not so large, work as a scavenger; it, with the vast mere remnants. Most of Bartrams trees and tabs of velvet or satin, cut in rounded are gone wholly or are fading. The famous cypress has yet a few green branches. The fine silver fir on the Johnson estate in Germantown, though less than 100 years old is entirely dead now-Forest Leaves.

> do you think of the new baby brother the found a great variety that are eminently doctor has just brought?" Tommy—"Why, he's got no hair! Oh! and he's got no teeth! You've been took in, father; he's brought you an old 'un."

Among the sincerest mourners at the him to the extent of \$7,500,000.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Because the Pompadour coiffure is the fashion it does not follow that every woman can wear it and it is a wise one who knows enough to discriminate in favor of a less modish but more becoming style of hair dressing.

A heavy flat-iron, weighing seven or eight pounds, will do better work if it is passed over clothes once with a firm, steady pressure than a lighter iron hurriedly passed over the clothes two or three times.

What greater charm is there in womankind than that of an easy, graceful carriage? Would you acquire the art of standing, sitting and walking? Then hearken to the words of a celebrated specialist who has spent years in the study of the physical development of woman: "The perfection of grace comes from ease, precision and definiteness of movement.

"Definiteness"-Ay! there's the rub! How many women are there, I wonder, whose movements may be called definite? Not one in fifty, I verily believe. Take the average feminine pedestrian. If she walks slowly she slouches along; if she walks quickly she leans forward, and in her effort to make haste sways from one side of the pavement to the other, thereby losing instead of gaining time, and presenting anything but a dignified appearance. All this can be remedied by a little

First, as to standing. The secret of the art of standing properly is to make the abdominal muscles do their work. If the stomach is held well in the rest is easy. The centre of gravity being attained, the shoulders are thrown back, the knees are straightened, the chin is held firmly in, the throat is elongated and the head poised gracefully erect.

Sitting, too, let the same set of muscles do their work-which is to support the upper part of the trunk. Don't let the chest sink heavily down, depressing the stomach and forcing the abdomen to pro-trude. Hold the body firmly and lightly erect, even when resting in a chair. Pain-President Cleveland Signs an Order Reducing the ful at first it may be, but the muscles of Number.-A Large Saving is Expected.-Where the abdomen will soon become strengthen-There Are Now Eighteen Offices There Will Be ed and will learn to do their duty involuntarily

Two-thirds of the beauty of a woman depends upon the grace of her carriage. It is well worth while to strive for such an end, but one must remember the axiom of the famous French woman; that it is necessary to suffer in order to be beautiful!

pressed. It would be a ludierous posture, such a one acceptable to the public.

ural, but almost invariably the ease of fort. These courageous ones become a type of what a woman should be physicaliy, and take their place among the

Dame Rumor has already made known that all the thin fabries will be ruffled and

Some silk gowns sent over from Paris for the midwinter festivities have pinked ruffles about four inches wide all the way from the hem almost to the waist.

Fashion now decrees that women shall wear some white about the throat, and ne longer are the dark ribbon and velvet collars in style, says Harper's Bazar. On many accounts it is well this new flat has been set forth, for white next the skin is infinitely more becoming than any color, even to the youngest and freshest complexion, and had it not been the fashion to wear the dark colors there would have been long ago. as there is now, an outcry of how very trying it is to have blue, black, green or any other color directly against the throat.

Linen collars are once again fashionable.

and are to be seen in many different shapes. Very few are wide, and it is considered much smarter to have just a narrow turneddown rim of the linen not over half an inch wide than to have the broad turneddown or equally broad standing collar like those worn with the shirt waists last year. The great disadvantage that was formerly so trying with the linen collars when work in winter, namely, the chapping of the skin, has been greatly done away with by the new shapes. In the first place, the band of the collar slips inside the band of the waist, but is not quite so long, so the lower edge does not cut into the neck, and then the upper, being turned over, presents a smoother, softer edge. These collars are buttoned on to the neck-band of the waist, and have no flap like the collarettes had. Pique is greatly used, and some colored linens, but the plain, smooth, white linen is considered much the smartest. There are cuffs to match which show just the half-inch of linen. Fancy ribbon stocks are used with these, with the bow tied in front instead of the back, in the fashion first introduced in Paris last sum

Big bows of ribbon and tabs of lace are still used for the more elaborate styles of neckwear. These are still placed at the back, and sometimes are quite alarming in their proportions. Even the outside jackets of fur, as well as the capes, have Of course this is an exaggerated fashion; but, oddly enough, has a smart look and is points, and with ruffles of lace between, are combined with them. It is quite difficult to put all the trimming now considered necessary around the throat and not give an ugly hunched-up look, but the the lines are well studied, and even in the -Father-"Look here, Tommy ; what ready-made ruches and collars are to be satisfactory. Stocks of ribbon have lace points turned over from the inside, and at the back lace, ribbon and more ruffles of chiffon are tied in together to give the full effect- Sometimes, but very, very seldom, bunches of artificial violets are tied in the funeral of King Humbert of Italy will be ruche, but this is a style so likely to bethe life insurance companies. They care for come common that it cannot be recom-