ON THE ITALIAN COAST.

To greet the sun ere he sank to rest; for brown he kissed, and her pallid check, And left a blush on her dusky breast.

then viewless lassos she softly threw Around the necks of all living things, tringing them home in the twilight blue, Amid patter of feet and flutter of wings

to the blue and out of the gold; Sea birds home to their airy nests, owing herds to the humble fold, And children home to their mothers' bree

Tenight I paused on a purple peak,
When daylight died on the darkling main
and something moistened my weary cheek
As thoughts long dead came to life again.

Int there were no lassos my birds to draw, My birds, my herds and my children hom-The night alone and her stars I saw, And shadowy Ætna's awful dome.

O restless soull Can nothing restore
The pride and promise of former years?
Or art thou a surge on you iron shore
Which breaks and forever disappears?
—William E. S. Fales in New York World.

Admirals Rivals in Rhyme.

A London friend sends me quite a pretty story anent the daughter of Sir Edwin Arnold. She is her father's secretary and his companion in most of the journeys round the world. During her recent stay in Japan her majesty's China squadron ships and the American Pacific et were in the harbor of Yokohama at the same time. Sir Edwin and his daughter entertained the admirals of both fleets at luncheon, and in return were naturally invited on board the ships. The American fleet was first visited, and upon leaving the gallant American admiral presented Miss Arnold with a beautiful bouquet, tied with ribbons of the ship, as a token of the respect of himself and his officers,

This American courtesy came to the ears of the English commander, and not to be outdone by his American brother be presented Miss Arnold with a larger bouquet and doubled the number of ribbons. Then the American admiral sent Miss Arnold a few verses of his own composition. This was going a little further than the English officer was capable of, but he had some verses written to Miss Arnold and dispatched them to her three days afterward. The daughter then told her father, and she immediately found a third contestant. That same afternoon brought her another beautiful bouquet and attached was a card bearing the following lines:

TO MY DAUGHTER.

Oh, happy maid, whom two great flags conspire
To honor—blending rich melodious posics,
When admirals rhyme, the muse unstrings her

lyre
To bind in pride their mayflowers and their
roses. EDWIN ARNOLD. -Philadelphia Times.

Mrs. Gladstone.

She is one of the most charming looking women you ever saw-a sweet, kind face framed in full, soft, lovely hair and topped by a cap of velvet and lace. A gown that falls in artistic folds and doesn't rustle, and a way of looking at you as if she were interested in every-thing you said—that's Mrs. Gladstone. She does not care for society as it is meant by the round of balls and receptions and the giving and going to them, but she is delighted when she is at the bead of her own dinner table and has about her a circle of friends who know and love her and Mr. Gladstone. Unlike the wife of any other prime minister, she never went in for having a salon, for surcounding herself with rich and powerful triends who would simply care to be reexived at the house of a prime minister, and yet have no real interest in the cause which he so thoroughly and entirely championed.

Instead, she has given her time to caring for him, to seeing that he was under any and all circumstances as comfortable as possible, and that in this way his health was preserved for the nation for whom he did so much good. Her bappiest moments are when she is with her husband at Hawarden, but on every important occasion she has always been by his side. Just remember that this means going over the country in rail-way trains, being for hours on open air platforms, and then you will understand why the people of England worship Mrs. Gladstone as a heroine. - Cor. Ladies' Home Journal.

A Noble Work. Mrs. James S. Gibbons has turned her beneficence in the channel of charity. and her large contributions to the Womm's Prison association have done much make its standing solid and sure. Mrs. Gibbons was one of the first founders of the home, and it has been mainly through her untiring efforts that a law has been passed demanding that women prisoners should be searched and looked fter by women. Mrs. Gibbons visits Il the prisons and talks with the womm. When they leave the prison she gives them a refuge in the home until they get started, and oftentimes she finds hem situations.

"Mine is a particular calling, that of elping the female prisoners," she said. Such a woman is the most unhappy of all human beings. Once a criminal always one, and the world has not a tear lor her. Our prison association hunts all these women up and leads them to a nigher and nobler purpose in life."—New York Recorder.

The great plagues formerly filled naions with terror; but they are now well nigh conquered, and are known mainly is matters of history. Smallpox was a rightful disease, even within the presnt century, but is now powerless to gain foothold anywhere in Christendom.

There are two prominent occupations n which there seems to be no distincion of sex in regard to honor or comsation. On the stage and in the field of literature men and women meet as

Lucca, the singer, will hereafter de-vote herself exclusively to teaching, and she will receive only eight pupils, and such as show that they have a good futare before them.

No less than 17,000 young girls and women, homeless, friendless, helpless and foodless, sleep in the open-all-night shel-

If you are short and stout don't ask the poor artist to make a picture of you full length. He will, if you insist; but he knows he is doing a great wrong there-by. Nothing is so graceful and pleasing in a picture of a stout lady as a sitting half length, the figure so turned as to hide the too too stoutness. Again, if you are slim and angular, do not for an instant forget that a full length figure will make you appear more slim and angular. Then the pretty bust picture is your only hope and you should insist

on having no other. If a gentleman has a very long neckno matter how nicely he looks in a high collar—his picture if taken in such a high affair would look grotesque. A short neck and high collar, a long neck and low turned down collar by all means. No loud stripes, no great checks, no striking figures should be worn in a photograph. One thing bear in mind when you visit the studio-bring along your home expression. Don't spend two days before you come to the studio practicing poses and different expressions before your mirror, and, lastly, give the photographer the benefit of exercising his artistic and professional ability.— Photographer in Ladies' Home Journal.

Mrs. Stuart's Good Work.

It is not a wonder that men should look with astonishment on a woman who undertakes to build an institution. Many a woman of advanced ideas would be dumfounded to find a member of her sex so far ahead of her age. Women are feeling their way slowly and secret-ly but successfully. The female benefactors of New York city are many, but unknown. Of wealthy families, they dislike notoriety, and so long as they see their pet project blossom into success and flourish they sink their own indi-viduality into the abyss of humanity and rest content.

A new asylum for destitute children is to be built near Central park. Few people know that the land and every stick of timber that constitutes its frame was purchased by a woman. Yet it was, And that woman was Mrs. Robert Stuart. She is bordering on the silver age of sixty, yet she is full of geniality and

"My husband was a benevolent man, and when he died I made it my life's motto to carry out his intentions," said she. "Money is of no avail to me if I cannot make some poor people happy."

—New York Recorder.

Poisoned by His Easy Chair.

A distinguished citizen passed away recently under circumstances which will arouse a feeling of sorrow in those who realize how life might have been preserved. Ex-Mayor Samuel C. Cobb was one of the sturdiest of Bostonians. But gradually he began to fail in health, with such slowness that the decline was not noticed until it had gone far, very far, but with a fatal sureness that no medical skill could at the last avert. It was all a mystery. The physicians doctored him for this and for that, surmising now one disease and another, until at the last moment, just a few weeks before his death, they discovered the real trouble.

Arsenical poisoning was at the root, and that poisoning had been steadily go-ing on for years. His curtains, his wall paper, and, more particularly, his favor-ite easy chair, were made of material that contained the deadly arsenic, and the poor man had unknowingly been breathing in the poison while supposing he was resting and gaining strength. It was very sad.—Boston Cor. New York Commercial Advertiser.

Dates for Easter.

In 1883 Easter fell on March 25, and it will only once again in this century, namely, in 1894, fall on so early a date, In the three following centuries it will occur only eight times on the same date -namely, in 1951, 2085, 2046, 2057, 2103, 2114, 2125 and 2198. The earliest date on which Easter can fall is on March 22, and this only in case the moon is full on March 21, when this date happens to fall on Saturday. This combination of circumstances is extremely rare. It occurred in 1390, 1761 and 1817, and will happen again in 1990, 2076 and 2144, while during the three following centuries it is not once "on the books" at this early date. On the other hand, Easter never falls later than April 25; this was the case in 1666, 1734 and 1886, and will only happen once in the next centurynamely in 1943.—Pall Mall Gazette.

A Strategic Promoter.

A man told me the other day-he would not have his name mentioned for evident reason—that when he had a big scheme to push the first thing he did was to get into debt with the people he wanted to enlist in his enterprise. "Then, of course," said he, "by helping me out they help themselves." Specious logic, to be sure, but cleverly plausible on its outward face. -Boston Traveler.

Lenten Restriction. Fledgely-As it is all over with us I wish you would return me the ring and watch I gave you.

Alice-I cannot give them to you until | Chickering, after Lent.

Fledgely—But I insist upon them now. Alice—You know, Mr. Fledgely, that I cannot indulge in any pleasure during this season.—Jewelers' Circular, Don't wait until in front of a ticket

seller's window before trying to find your drapery hidden pocket. If tickets can be purchased in quantities on routes you frequently travel purchase them, and save other people's temper and your own time. Near Walker, Vernon county, Mo., a

miner excavated a petrified foot 23 inches long and 20 inches around the instep, supposed to be that of a giant. The miner has been offered \$150 for it, but declines the offer.

There are two counties in Georgia that have not a lawyer. They are Echols and Charlton. The returns for 1890 show further that Charlton has neither a docters of Stepney Green, London, in a year. tor nor a dentist.

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