To remove rust from flat irons, soak them in or rub them with kerosene, and polish with scouring brick.

Cut a piece from the top of old kid shoes and insert it inside the iron holder you are going to make.

Red pepper is considered by physi-cians to be much more wholesome than either black or white pepper. To relieve chilbiains sonk the feet

In hot water and rub them with kero-sene, or with kerosene and lime water. Tour toes have valuable medicinal properties, especially for those whose constitutions have been injured by the

use of mercury. A correspondent of the London "Lancet" points out that when sugar is partly burned in a gas flame it is destructive to mice.

Mrs. Lee, of the "Prairie Farmer," thinks the best way to prepare pump-kins for winter use is to stew and ean them as we do fruit. Put up in this way she considers them just as good as the fresh pumpkins.

A very nice way to cook eggs is to bake them. To do this, butter a tin or the gem tins, break in the eggs, give them just a sprinkle of salt, and the least bit of pepper, put a bit of butter on each, and place in the oven.

Sweet potatoes are nice boiled until tender and then pared and cut lengthwise into two or three slices, accord-ing to the size of the potatoes. Spread each slice with butter, sprinkle with salt and a very little pepper and put into the oven and brown.

A mixture of coffee and chocolate is one of the odd drinks that are occasionally ordered at hotels. The combination is supposed to preserve the virtues of both ingredients, and to be less injurious to persons of nervous temperament, than coffee alone.

The best way of treating a stove that has not been blackened for some time is to rub it well with a news-paper, adding just a little clean grease of almost any kind. It will soon take a polish after a few treat-ments of this sort.

Medicines, in the form of tinctures, that have stood in the family medi-cine chest for a long time, should be administered with the greatest care. The alcohol readily evaporates, leav-ing the drug in form of a concentrated theture, and the ordinary dose of which might produce very serious if not fatal results.

Rice water is recommended in which to wash challies. Boil one pound of rice in five quarts of water. Cool it to the tepid point, then put in the goods and wash well, using the rice as soap. Pour off the water, leaving the rice sediment. Rub the challie well in the poured-off water. Use no clean water, but hang the material to dry direct from the rice water.

This is Mrs. Cora Blackman's recipe for beef omelet: Mix together the folingredients: Three pounds of canned beef, chopped fine, three eggs, one large cupful of rolled cracker, one tablespoonful of salt, one teaspoonful pepper, one tablespoonful sifted sage, one tablespoonful melted butter. Bake one and one-quarter hours, with a pan inverted over the dish, basting occa-

Long hair should never be shamgood more than once a month. Some people think that by brushing and car-ing well for the hair a shampoo once a year is sufficient; but a few people. especially those whose hair is naturally oily, believe in this advice. Brushing stimulates the growth of the hair and makes it glossy and soft. It also stops the hair from falling out, and is the best tonic for the scalp.

When fish are required for brolling a bed of glowing red coals should be ready, so that the fish shall not taste smoky, and and the grid iron should be well greased with a bit of fat to prevent from sticking. This process ought not to require more than from fifteen to twenty minutes, but the fish must not be held too near the fire or they will be scorched; and when they are done, they should be sprinkled with salt and served at once.—Boston

Helping the Unemployed.

She is a dear little woman with a heart seven sizes too large for her, and that is the reason why her best friends have to listen to a pathetic recital that runs something like this:

"I have a first-class modiste who makes my gowns. She is perfectly satisfactory, but, of course, has more work than she can really attend to. So the other day I said to myself: 'Now, Nina dear, you are ridiculously selfish. Here you are paying a woman untold wealth to make your dresses, while there are hundreds of poor women who are actually suffering for work. There is no sense in giving money to a woman who has plenty already, when it might just as well go to some deserving unfortunate whom it will assist."

"Well, the upshot of it all was that I rushed down town to one of those stid association places, and engaged a poor woman to come to the house. That was three days ago, I believe, and for just three days that poor, unfortunate woman has had my undivided attention. I feel so sorry for her that I'm positively wretched and melwerry so. Whenever I notice that she tooks especially tired I run and fix her a cup of tea. We haven't accomplish-ed much sewing, it has taken all her time to give me the details of her mis-fortunes, and it has taken all my time to sympathize with her. She doesn't look very strong, so I make her rest as much as she will. When I left home this afternoon I had her propped on ou the sofa and reading 'Dodo.' Sae is just as nice as she can be, and irm so glad to help somebody. I'm down town now to buy a dress—I've given goods all of sold and the sold of the down fown how to buy a dress I vergive a sensy all of mine to her, and the inclined to believe that if she keeps on telling me those harrowing stories about her husband who is dead and her little boy who is blind in one eye. I'll certainly not have a fecent

tile bighearted little roman swished out her handkerchief and brooked it across a pair of blue eyes hazed suspiciously moist. Chi

The dainty pangee silks will be among the favorite spring novelties.

The Great Gun Inventor Was a Terror in His Youth.

When Hiram Maxim, the famous inventor, lived in Sangerville anxious mammas used to warn their hopefuls not to play with "that wicked Maxim boy." In fact, young Hiram grew up under the doubtful reputation of being the very worst boy in the neighborhood. This isn't said for the purpose of encouraging any other Maine incorrigibles who are in the depths of their misdeeds. If Hiram had been a perfectly good little boy and had devoted his time to studying his lessons he might have had that flying machine all completed by this time.

Hiram used to work at carriage

Hiram used to work at carriage painting in Abbot, and was hired by D. D. Flynt. He was an artist with a brush. One day a man called to see Flynt while the latter was out.

"There's been a man in to see you," said young Maxim.

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"What's his name?" "I don't know, but that's how he looked," and the boy pointed to a board on which he had roughly daubed a face. "I forgot to ask him his name," said the boy, "and so I drew that." Flynt knew his man.—Lewiston Jour-

She Wanted to Know.



He (inclined to stay late)—Ah, Miss Dearone! I dweam of thee— She (increduously)—You do, Mr. Stay-lots? When, pray?—Truth.

What He Could Do.

The mission worker had a lot of boys from the street before him, try-ing to see what their capacities were for other work than wandering. He had called up several and questioned them, and came next to a red-headed urchin of about twelve. As the boy rose to be put through the course, one of the other boys prodded him with a pin. He jumped, of course, but being on his good behavior he managed to suppress his feelings, though it could be plainly seen that he was almost at the limit

"You want to work, too, do you?"
asked the missionary kindly.
The boy merely nodded.
"What can you do?" inquired the missionary.

missionary.

The boy could hold in no longer.

"I kin lick de stuffin' out of de kid wot sticked me wid a pin. and I'm goin' to do it," he burst forth, and a few minutes later the job had been done thoroughly.

A Sure Sign.

The business man suspected that one of his clerks was doing more gambling than was good for him, and he sent an employe to investigate. He made his report very soon.
"Well," asked the employer. "what
did you learn?"

"That he bets some."
"A great deal?" "Oh, no, only a little?"

"I should say that indicated he was fails to benefi very deep in it," exclaimed the hor- money back.

rified employer.

'Quite the contrary,' dissented the investigator. "If he had been at it very long he never would have said, 'I won twenty-five, but 'I win twenty-five.' That's the only genuine sign of a veteran at the business."

"Aren't those just lovely towels, dear?" said young Mrs. Fitts to her husband. "I got them for nine cents, and the regular price is eleven."
"That's right, pet. I am glad to see you are so economical. But what is the matter with your hat?"

"Oh, it got smashed all to pieces in the rush at the bargain counter. I guess you will have to let me have the money to get a new one, dear."

Convinced by Conscience.

tate when he is about to do wrong it is his conscience. One day the little felcame in and said: "Grandma, I was going to fight John-ny Juddy this morning, but my con-

science, as you call it said something that held me back." "It did?" returned grandma. "I sup-pose it told you how wicked it was to

Why He was in Haste,

"Hold on," said Brown to an acquaintance the other morning, "I want to speak to you."

"Sorry," said the other, "but really, old man, I must hurry to the office. Can't wait a minute,"

"You don't mean to say," said Brown, "that you have business enough to put you in such a rush?"

"Business? Who said anything about business? There are four of us in the business? There are four of us in the office and only three chairs. If I don't get down there rightoff, I shall have to stand up all day. Ta, ta."

Under Them Circumstances The tramp got away from the dog, but the dog got half of his wearing apparel as he cleared the gate.

"Why didn't you run when you seen him comin's inquired his partner when they had a safe place. when they had reached a safe place.
"Run nothin'," he said indiguantly.
"Under them circumstances what a

man needs is wings." Financial Grammar. Teacher-In the sentence "Time is money." can you parse money? Scholar—Yes'm, if it is good money.

MORE PENSIONERS NOW.

A Decision That Will Materially Enlarge the List.

Assistant Secretary Reynolds, of the Interior Department, announced a decision of great importance to a meritorious class of claimants for pensions.

The decision will admit to the rolls the names of a large number of insane, idiotic or permanently helpless minor children of deceased soldiers whose pensions had ceased by their attaining the age of 16 prior to the passage of

the act of June 27, 1890.

The claim under which this decision was rendered was that of Harrison F. Loeb, of Bucks county, Pa., whose father was killed in action at the battle of Gettysburg, while serving in Com-pany H, One Hundred and fifty-first Pennsylvania infantry. The minor became sixteen years of age June 9th, 1879. On December 9, 1891, his claim, on his account of permanent helpless-ness, was filed under the provisions of the act of June 27, 1890, and rejected April 11, 1892, upon the ground that he was over sixteen years of age at the

date of filing the claim.

Secretary Reynolds in reversing the former rulings of the department and admitting these claims held that in this and like cases "where, under the general law, the pension of minor children who were insane, idiotic or permanently helpless has terminated by reason of attaining their pensionable majority prior to passage of act of June 27,1890 the pension may be renewed from the date of filing application therefore under said act upon proof of continued and uninterrupted insanity, idiocy or helplessness,"

In commenting upon the former ruling the Secretary says:

"It would seem that little further than a careful reading of the act itself would be sufficient to demonstrate the fact that this law has been misconstrued to the grievous harm of a class of the nation's dependents who should receive, as the law intended they should, the most benevolent consideration

No other interpretation of the law is consistent with justice, reason and the express terms of the statute.

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Outing Costumes for Ladies.

French outing costumes have a skirt perfectly plain. Some models, however, with overdresses and draperies are also popular. Many a short full coat has a double breasted vest, cut lower than last year. Some new importations have also full cross skirts set on. The very long coat is still seen. As for the jackets, the "Garcon de cafe" and new varieties of the "Eton" jackets are the favorites. These are Grandma has often said to Tommy made particularly attractive and sty-that when anything tells him to hest- lish by revers and cape effects, which are produced in many novelties.

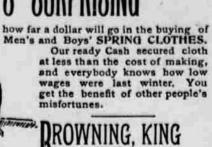
These items of fashion are taken

from the McDowell Fashion Jour-NALS, which, as usual, contain an endless variety of models. In the way of inducments, these magazines offer patterns of the latest styles which can be secured at very moderate prices by "Well, no, grandma. It said, 'Look means of coupons. They also offer how much bigger John Juddy is than \$1.00 worth of patterns as a premium \$1.00 worth of patterns as a premium for a yearly subscription to either of these journals except "La Mode," which only gives fifty cents worth of patterns as a premium. The subscription price of "La Mode de Paris" and Paris Album of Fashion" is only \$3 50 a year for each or 35 cents per copy, "The French Dressmaker" is \$3.00 per annum or 30 cents per copy. "La Mode," the best family magazine in America, only costs \$1.50 for a year's subscription or 15 cents a copy. If you are unable to procure any of these publications from your news dealer, do not take any substitute from him, but apply by mail to Messrs. A. McDowell & Co, 4 West 14th Street, New York.

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