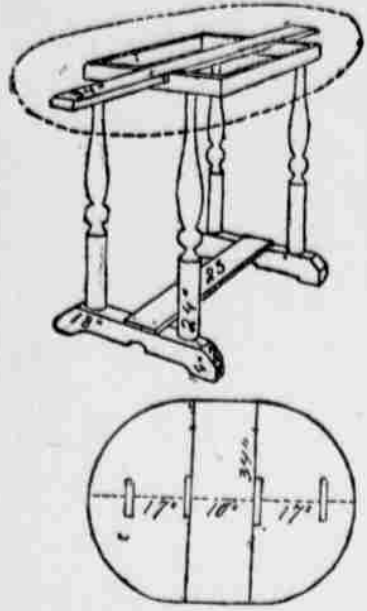


EXTENSION TABLE.

To Make One at Home Is Not Such a Very Great Trick.
A neat homemade dining-table, suitable for two or four persons, can be easily made by anyone possessing a few tools. By reference to the figure all the parts will be readily comprehended. The material may be pine or some finer wood, though pine, if stained and varnished, will make a neat and durable piece of furniture. The foot pieces are 18 inches long and made of 2 by 4 stuff shaped as shown. The legs are simply 4 turned balusters, such as are used in stairways, and may be had at any carpenter's shop. They are set into



5/8-inch holes bored in the foot pieces below and into suitable holes in the end pieces of the upper frame. The essential part of the frame, which allows the table to be extended, is the crossbar on top. This bar is 24 inches long, 2 inches wide and 3/4 inch thick. It is let into the end pieces of the frame flush with them and screwed firmly with screws.

The top consists of three pieces; 2 of them are semi-circle 17 by 24 inches and the middle board 10 by 24 inches. Each of the end pieces of the table top has 2 cleats, secured to their under side, which embrace the crossbar. They are so placed that the end boards may be pushed together, forming a circular table, or to pull apart wide enough to insert the middle board between them. The middle board has dowel pins to correspond with suitable holes in the end board. The cleats which embrace the crossbar hold the table top firmly on the frame, but should be loose enough to allow to slide along it and so extend the top.

For a family of four persons the table will be large enough, as its dimensions are an oval, 34 by 44 inches. The total height is 27 inches and may be constructed at a very slight outlay for materials and presents a good appearance.—Thomas C. Harris, in Farm and Home.

THE USEFUL HAT-PIN.

Women Employ It as a Weapon of Offense and Defense.

"The idea of making the hat pin a weapon of defense first dawned upon me when I was in the east," says a bright-eyed dame, who is always watching for a chance to exploit California, climate, morals and all.

"Of course, you all know that a woman can't go about alone with any degree of comfort when she gets away from western chivalry. Well, as I wanted to study art in New York while I visited my brother in Newark, I was obliged to use the suburban trains almost every day. I had a bookful of unpleasant experiences before I learned the magic power of that simple little hat-pin.

"Finally a man who was packed beside me in a car became simply unendurable. I squeezed myself meekly up against the window, giving mine enemy three-fourths of the seat. Gazing out into the darkness I became positively depressed and felt like offering an apology to somebody for presuming to cumber the earth.

"Mine enemy made the mistake of encroaching still further upon my territory.

"It was too much. My wrath blazed up and I drew my hat-pin. I said not a word and did nothing to attract attention. Nevertheless that man was glad to vacate my full share of that seat, and perhaps a little more. I held my weapon in a position which indicated to him the boundary line, and I assure you that he understood the insinuation and left me in peace. Ever since that day I have been as independent and self-respecting as a Spanish senorita with a dagger in her honi soit, etc."

This fiery little anecdote, told over the tenebrous, was followed by a perfect chorus of stories of the uses of the hat-pin. The picking of locks, the office of can-opener, paper-cutter, insect-destroyer, these were among the lesser things. A tale of the repairing of a broken harness at a critical juncture vied for second honors with the history of the timely mending of a torn sail. First place was given, without a dissenting voice, to the story of the hat-pin as a modern and always available weapon of defense.—San Francisco Chronicle.

New and Dainty Tea Cloths.

Sprays of the hop vine with bunches of hops are embroidered on white linen tea cloths and center pieces. The leaves are in deep, long and short stitch, the tendrils of the vine in stem stitch, and the hops are in solid raised work. The California poppy, in its brilliant shades of yellow orange, was noticed on a center piece, and also on a small table cover seen at a recent exhibition of art needle-work. The center piece had the edge in wide leaflike scallops, button-holed with white silk. The poppies were laid around the cloth with their stems toward the edge and the flowers toward the center. The spread decorated with the poppies was of gray linen.

THE TEXAS RANGERS.

A Strong Body, Pledged Only to the Enforcement of Law.

There are at present about 200 rangers in Texas. They are separated into companies and are kept on the borders for the most part. They live in the open air the year round. Nearly every night in the year, rain or shine, they have only the open sky for a roof and the bare ground for a bed. Their pillows are their saddles. They live the hardest, roughest of lives, and danger is their delight. They are all young men—too young to count the cost when duty is to be done and odds faced. They are made up of the flower of Texas manhood. A wild, yelling cowboy is looked upon with contempt by them. They depend upon their sixshooters and carbines, their coolness and marksmanship, the known courage of their comrades and the fact that they are backed by the law of the state, and opposition to their will is a thing to be put down at all hazards with an iron hand.

The governor of Texas is the chief officer of the rangers. What he says is law to them. The sheriff, the police, the militia must stand in their way if the rangers have orders from the governor. The rangers hold individually as much power as any sheriff in Texas. They hold more. They are not bounded by county lines. They may summon a posse at any time to assist them in making arrests.

The section which the rangers police is larger in area than all of New England, and it is of such a character that were it not for their work it would be given over to lawlessness and disorder. The rangers are sent to those sparsely settled sections of the country where opportunity for escape from the regular peace officers is afforded. Whenever a sheriff is unable to cope with lawlessness he calls on the governor and the rangers are sent to take charge. Many times in the past has the governor of Texas ordered the rangers to go to counties where the sheriff was in sympathy with the lawless element, and in such cases they have acted independently and without regard to the wishes of the sheriff or other officers.

The rangers are paid \$40 a month, and their rations and arms and ammunition are furnished by the state. They provide their own horses, the state paying for them if they are killed. They are unnumbered with baggage. They will take to the saddle at a moment's notice and go on a scout of a month's duration. They have no uniform. They have no military discipline, as discipline is generally understood, but they obey their officers and will go with them to certain death without a murmur.—Memphis Avalanche.

A TINY WHEELWOMAN.

San Francisco Claims the Smallest Bicycle Rider in the Country.

The smallest bicycle rider in the country is claimed by San Francisco. Her name is Valentine Larook Cornwell. She is but three years old and can manage her wheel, which was made



VALENTINE LAROOK CORNWELL.

specially for her, with as much skill as any veteran.

It took her all of two weeks to grasp the principles of equilibrium. She says it came to her suddenly, and, throwing aside the hands that steadied her, she commenced to cut figures of eight and grape vines on her own hook. Her little red knickerbocker suit is tailor-made; a sailor waist trimmed with white and a jaunty little red cap completes one of the cutest little figures seen on the boulevards and drives around San Francisco.

MONKEY BURGLARS.

Seven Citizens of Calcutta Wanted Them Indicted for Their Crimes.

There are three monkeys in Calcutta just now who are stated to be the greatest thieves and robbers that disgrace the city of palaces. Considerable amusement was caused the other morning when seven people, who had been treated very badly by these monkeys, walked into the Jorabagan thana, and in all seriousness, wished to lay a charge of "theft and causing mischief" against the offenders.

The inspector regretted he could not accept the charge, and advised the complainants to destroy the troublesome animals.

This suggestion they would not adopt on account of religious scruples. The inspector thereupon advised the men to go to the police court and charge the monkeys with being burglars of a very bad type, and apply for a warrant for their arrest.

The deputation left to consider the position of affairs.

Ostrich Annoyed by a Kitten.

While an ostrich in the Philadelphia Zoo was taking the air, a kitten, probably mistaking its leg for a small tree, ran up and nestled on the bird's back. The ostrich felt something on its back and tried to shake it off, but this was fun to the kitten. Then the bird twisted its head and took a look at its rider. The kitten never wince. Then the ostrich struck with its beak and the kitten dodged. This was kept up for ten minutes, until pussy took an excursion up the ostrich's neck. This was a rash move, as the ostrich gave its neck a terrific jerk, the kitten fell to the ground and was promptly thrown over the fence. It walked away crestfallen and the ostrich strutted in triumph.

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County Commissioner Samuel States, of Jefferson, has a son whom he calls "United." He had him baptised so. The other day he wrote a letter to his son and addressed it "United States, Punxsutawney, Penn.," and the postmaster at Brookville posted it up in a frame outside labeled, "Held for better address."

"Say, maw," asked Johnny, "I've worn pa's trousers when they got wore out, and said nothing; but now that you are wearin' bloomers, I'd like to know who's got to wear them when they get all torn, wore out and patched. I ain't gettin' stuck up er nufin, but I don't intend to let you make a new woman out o' me."

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The tickets to a "colored" society ball recently held down town bore instead of the usual "Not transferable," the legend: "No gentleman admitted but 'ceptin' he comes hisself."

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"Aren't you the same beggar that I gave half a pie to last week?" "I guess I am, mum; but I'm willin' to let bygones be bygones. It ain't in my heart to bear no malice."—Indianapolis Journal.

Somebody has patented an "automatic fire lighting device." This ought to be a good thing. The kerosene can has been thinning the ranks of the servant girls long enough.

Pennsylvania will receive over \$12,000 collateral inheritance tax from the estate of Judge Handy, late of Scranton. The estate is valued at \$1,500,000.

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We have received from C. A. Snow & Co., Solicitors of United States and Foreign patents, of Washington, D. C. a pamphlet recently published and copyrighted by them, entitled:

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A Thrilling Experience.

Lewis Huntzinger, aged 20 years, had a narrow escape from a horrible death, while at work at the Schuylkill colliery. He was engaged with two other carpenters at repairing the cage at the shaft, when the bottom slipped out. Throwing out his hands he succeeded in grasping a piece of sheet iron that protruded, but it cut through his hand and he dropped downward. Again he threw out his hands and grasped a prop to which he clung until assistance arrived. The distance to the bottom of the shaft is several hundred feet, and had passed the prop he would have been dashed to pieces at the bottom.—Miners' Journal.

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