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A WRITER'S SCHEME.

Publisher Was Glad to Go Back to the Old Contract.

Writing for the tress "on space," that is, by the page, column or line, has given rise to many expedients to fill space with as little effort as possible. Many followers of this occupation have shown great ingenuity in getting as large an account of white paper as possible to their credit by making frequent paragraphs in their "coy," SRYS the Washington Post. A French author who was once employed to contribute to a continued story to a newspaper, and who was paid for his work by the line, was in the habit of introducing very frequently such passages as this

ł	into his story:
1	"Have you seen him?"
1	"I have."
ł	"No!"
ł	"Yes."
j	"Where?"
l	"Here."
5	"When?"
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make money out of him by sharp practices. He sent for the writer and said: 'I must have a new contract. We will pay you hereafter by the letter and not by the line.'

"But my contract says that I'm to be paid by the line." 'Yes, but your contract does not say that I shall not end the story when I please. If you do not consent I shall put the words 'The End' at the close

of your next installment of your story, and print no more of it." The author pondered a minute.

"Very well," said he, "I will take my pay hereafter by the letter, provided you let the story run on until I have quite finished it." "It is agreed," said the publisher.

When the publisher came to read the next installment of the story he found that the author had introduced two new characters, who stammered dreadfully, and whose talk ran after this manner: "C-c-c-c-can you not h-h-h-break

the d-d-d-dreadful news g-g-g-gently to our m-m-m-m-m-m-master?

"N-n-n-n-n-n-ne-e-e-e-e-ever, G-g-g-gaston," murmured the grief-stricken Valentine, "I should r-r-r-rather b-bb-b-b-burst upon him s-s-s-s-suddenly with the an-n-n-n-n-nou-ou-puncemen, and not prolong his s-s-s-s-sufferings with sus-p-p-p-pe-e-c-nse!"

The horrified publisher saw before him in this sort of a dialogue the possibility of the indefinite continuance of a story paid for by the letter, which was little less than a dreadful and terribly costly alphabetical procession. He sent for the author and restored the old arrangement.

As soon as the author again began to collect his pay by the line poor stuttering Caston and Valentine were overtaken by an untimely fate, and the short paragraphs were resumed.

All Men of Rank.

There were eight of us smoking our after-supper cigars on the hotel veranda, when a small man, with a great deal of bustle and energy in his movements, came out of the hotel office and called out in a general way: "Contlemen, is there a General out

there?"

"I am a General, sir," replied one of the group as he half rose and bowed. "Yea-ah!-glad to see you, General," continued the little man as he advanced and shook hands. "Now, then, have

we any Colonels present?" "I am a Colonel," replied three men

THE COLUMBIAN, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

HOW SLAVES ARE KILLED.

Tortures Inflicted on the Condemned In Congo Regions.

While in the lands of civilization philanthropists are busying their brains to devise methods of capital punishment which will prove the least painful to the condemned and the least revolting to humanity, the aboriginal tribes of Africa have not yet been compelled to abandon their blood-curdling executions. The spectacle of an execution in the Congo territory beggars description. Words cannot depict the demonical evolutions and dances for hours around the poor condemned slave, who sits, bound and helpless, in the midst of a circle of blood-thirsty aborigines.

The victim, who has perhaps never in his life done anything to deserve this wretched fate, is tied hands and arme with strong hemp to a roughly improvised chair, while his feet are bound to a stake in the ground a few feet before him. A stout bough has been stripped of leaves and is held bent by a strong rope from a notch in the middie to a stage a few feet behind the condemned man's chair. Another rope suspended from the end of the bough is so adjusted around the victim's neck that when the bough is allowed to spring back to its natural position the head is forn off and hurled far away into the jungle thickets. Then occurs the most ghastly scene of all-the acrumble for the finding of the bead.

The finder keeps his trophy for several days and then cooks it. The brain is considered the greatest delicacy and generally given to the chief of the tribs

If the victim were brought to the place of execution quickly and decapitated at once, his sufferings would be less than those of the criminals who die on the scaffolds of America, as his is a swift death. It is the hours of agony which precede his execution which make the execution so inhuman. -New York Journal.

Finding Things His Trade.

There are fully a thousand ways of making a living in New York which in any other city in America would seem utterly impossible, and the man who makes his livelihood in New York in the strangest manner claims to live better than them all. His place of business is situated between Fourteenth and Twenty-third streets, in Sixth avenue. His 'profession," as he terms it, is a "finder.

Between the streets named in Sixth avenue is a shopping district where more women pass in a day than in a like number of blocks in any other portion of the city-in fact, this portion of Sixth avenue is conceded to be the bustest place for women in the United States.

This "finder,' a shabbily-dressed young man, walks up and down the avenue, keenly watching the throngs of women as they pass him. Whenever any one drops anything he runs and picks it up and restores it to its owner, making a charge for its return.

For handkerchiefs he gets from two to ten cents, and for other articles according to their value.

"Within those few blocks," he said to "women lose, on an average, sevnto enty-five handkerchiefs a day, and often valuable articles of jewelery and wearing apparel. Some days I have made as high as \$10, while on others have failed to make a cent."-New York Herald.

Queer Stroke of Lightning.

matter to take Constantinople by force, While a company of soldiers were and even the combined navies of sevdrilling at Rendsburg, Germany, lately, cral European powers could not force a bolt of lightning threw forty-eight an entrance through the Dardanelles. men to the ground

COURTSHIP OF THE CELESTIALS.

). Carrie marings

Strange Goings on Witnessed at the Chinese Mission in 'Frisco.

Ah Leen is a good little girl who lives in the Presbyterian mission, away from the pomps and vanifies of all this wicked world. Every Sunday, howalong with the other girls who have been rescued by the kind-hearted ladies of the Occidental Board. The passing of this procession is an opportunity eagerly seized by the eligible bachelors of Chinatown, who turn out en masse and line the sidewalks along the route, each good one cherishing the intention of seeing Miss Culbertson for the hand of the girl who strikes his fancy most. Now, one gay and sprightly bachelor was particularly struck a couple of months ago by the beauty of Ah Leen. He watched the procession pass with eyes only for her, and when she had entered the sacred edifice, instead of resigning himself to go home, he made a mighty effort to overcome the prejudices of early education and followed her into the church. From that date a change has come over the bachelor. He no longer burns punk at the shrines of his countryn en, nor does he dissipate money in having his fortune told; in fact, he has become in every way worthy of Ah Lsen, to whom he is soon to be united. During the present strained condition of things in Chinatown, however, he shrinks from the notortety of having his changed conditions commented on by his friends and foes.

Courtship, as it is understood in Chinese circles, is a somewhat tame and practical affair. There is a regular routine at the mission, in which a compromise is made between American and The bridegroom-Chinese customs, elect may see his future bride, he may even converse with her from opposite sides of the room, but the proprieties would be completely outraged if the betrothed couple were to shake hands. Two or three times a week the fance makes a call from five to ten minutes in duration, and if he is desperately enamored he never goes empty handed. Sausages are a gift that is highly appreciated, and Chinese vegetables are also much esteemed. Fruit is frequently brought to the engaged ladies, both in the Presbyterian and Methodist missions, but it would outrage Mongolian efiquette to bestow candy. The lave making is generally monosyllable on the part of the young lady, and even the man finds his gift of conversation languish. At the Presbyterian mission a charming young Chinese girl named Ah Cheng, a professional interpreter, satisfies etiquette by being present during all the interviews. Many Chinese merchants have offered to lay their hands and hearts at Ah Cheng's feet, but she has seen so much love making as an onlooker that she refuses to go through the ordeal of entertaining a fiance on her own account. Even the touching romance of Ah Leen has not inclined the little interpreter to follow her example.-San Francisco Call

Royalty and the Weed.

The following are the favorite varieties of the weed consumed by royal smokers: The German Emperor consumes an extraordinary number of cigarettes daily. The Czar of Russia has abandoned cigarettes in favor of a pipe. Old King Albert of Saxony smokes a heavy German pipe, with a porcelain bowl. King Humbert of Italy is a "chain" smoker, and keeps one strong cigar going after another all day long. Archduke Joseph of Austria smokes a cherry-wood pipe. King Leopold of Belgium clings tenaciously to his brier pipe. The Emperor of Austria smokes so-called "Virginia cigars," which, beclured of the rankest tobacco at Trieste, have straws running through them to make them draw. They are so green that they have to be held in the flame several minutes before they will light.

TOILET HINTS.

Suggestions for the Woman Who Has an Ambition to Be Charming.

sleep in a poorly-ventilated room is to invite headache and depression. Warmth during sleep should be ob tained from blankets, not from closed windows. The window should be open about three inches at the top and an inch or two at the bottom.

If a daily tub bath is enervating, try a daily sponge bath and a tri-weekly tub. The "tubbings" should be taken at night in water warm or hot, ac-cording to the tastes of the bather, The sponge both, which should be taken in the morning, should be either cold or lukewarm, and should be followed by a brisk rubbing down with a Turkish towel.

If the hair is thin or lacking in lusbrush it twice a day for five minutils at a time. If the eyebrows and ey lashes are scanty, rub them at night a vaseline. If the hands chap easily wach at night in warm water, rub well cold cream and wear a pair of fingerless white gloves to bed. If the face lacks color, exercise.

If one's complexion is "muddy," sallow or covered with blackheads the lotion bottle is not the remedy which should be sought first. Instead, the candidate for a complexion of roses and cream should begin the diet. Hot water taken half an hour before breakfast with a little lemon juice in it is better than creams to restore the skin toclearness. Graham and whole wheat bread, fruit, clear tea and coffee, if tea and coffee are used, plenty of green vegetables, lean meat and broiled fish form an admirable complexion Pastry and candles should be avoided.

After diet and exercise have paved the way for other treatment a weekly face steaming may be tried. The woman whose purse does not permit her to go to the professional beauti-fiers should fill a bowl with bolling water. Over this she should hold her face, into which a cold cream has been nubbed for ten minutes or so, covering her head and shoulders and the bowl ith a heavy Turkish towel. After dryitsg the face she should rub more coud cream on it, and she should not venture out into the air for at least three hours.

Sleaves for Pretty Arms.

The sleeve that starts several inches below the shoulder is preferred by those who have prettily rounded shoulders, such as our grandmothers and great aunts in those old daguerreotypes seemed to be so fond of displaying. They are used with both evening and gowns. With evening dresses they day need no more than the slimpse of the arm where it is prettiest and a tiny shoulder strap of flowers of jewcled trimming to complete their loveliness. These sleeves have been with us a long time-longer than would have been possible half a decade ago, and all because gymnastics are increasing in popularity and collar bones have acquired cushions.

A pretty evening waist with a sleeve that comes very near being what is prophesied for it, saves itself by swelling at the elbow, wherer is draped with soft silk that is prettily knotted with a bit of velvet. The upper part of the bodice is made of a jeweled material that merges into the upper sleeves without any visible seam.

A plain sleeve with two pleated flounces reaching to the elbow is another style that is suggested for the arm of '96-which, by the way, is not the mascfuline, pugilistic one, but the prettily rounded, well developed, allurmininity, which th obdurate of the male sex will find it hard to remist in the campaign that is to be the last opportunity of the century for unbidden spinsters. Look well to your arms, girls! Gird them up and prepare for the fray, and if there is anything in sleeves we shall know it by the styles that prevail at the end of the year; for a sleeve that is successful in such a contest is worthy of popularity, and will surely get it.

FORTIFIED BY NATURE.

Constantinople is

The strongest of the

But Little Artifice Needed to Make Con-

stantinople a Stronghold.

ficulties surround the Turkish Empire

on all sides, it is interesting to note

what protection is provided for the

very much favored by nature, and the

strategist's art had but little to add to

the natural resources at his disposal.

Coming from the Aegean Sca, a ship

passes up the rapid current of the Dar-

fortifications along this strait are crect-

ed where the strait narrows down to a

little less than 4,000 feet in width; on

the one side is Fort Sultane-Kaleh

(Sultan's Castle), and on the other

Kilid-Bahr (Lock of the Sea). The Dar-

danelles proper are protected by three

lines of defense, an outer, a centre and

an inner line. The batteries of these

forts are provided with Krupp guns of

large calibre, there being \$14 of these

guns distributed along the lines of for-

tification. The points of defense have

been so well selected that passing ves-

sels, who have to pay full attention to

the rapid current and the frequent

turns in the channel, may be taken into

cross-fire at almost any point within

a stretch of more than three miles. The

greatest weakness of the fortifications

along the Dardanelles consists in that

they are almost defenseless from the

land side, and, during the Russo-Turk-

ish war, of 1877-78, they were in danger

of being taken by the Russlans. Since

the Dardanelles were fortified they

were forced but once, in 1807, by the

English Admiral, Dalkworth, and then

only on account of the miserable ar-

mament in use. At the present time

these forts are positively impassable

for no matter what man-of-war, ac-

cording to the judgment of experienced

German artillery officers, who are now

in the Turkish military service. After

the Dardanelles are passed, the Sea of

Marmora may be passed without inter-

ruption; at the entrance into the Bos-

phorus, strong forts on rocky cliffs guard the gateway. Altogether, this

narrow strait, which winds in seven

sharp scrpentines, is but fifteen miles

long. Eleven forts and nineteen bat-

teries, with 633 guns and fifty-one mor-

tars, protect this northern gate of Con-

stantinople. Upon the land side, this

city is enclosed by a wall, varying from

twenty to forty-two feet in height. In

the southwestern part of the city the

Citadel of the "Seven Towers" is erect-

ed, and near the point of the peninsula,

which forms the city proper, the Serag-

lio is also protected by batteries, and

the so-called Leander Tower, which is

about seventy-five feet high. This

tower stands at the furthest seaward

point of the peninsula, and just across

the Golden Horn is the Marine Ar-

senal Tophane. From the land side

Constantinople is amply protected by

its walls, and an attack upon the city

could not possibly be successful without

a simultaneous altack from the sea.

The most serious defect in the defense

of the Turkish capital is the absolute

absence of outlying forts and works,

and the fact that there is no source of

fresh water within the city walls. In

former years, when difficulty of com-

munication on the land side arose, Con-

stantinople has always been supplied

with water from Scutari, on the Asiatic

side of the Bosphorus. The current in

the Bosphorus is very rapid and

treacherous; there are many well-pools

and eddies, so that the Turks them-selves have named it the "Devil's Cur-

rent." All things considered, it must

be admitted that it would be a difficult

capital.

Turkish

danelles Strait.

At a time like the present, when dif-

n hands County Treas.. -1307 ± 33 Amt. of county share license commission allowed subject to appeal..... 82.50 58319.44

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ures statement of all receipts and expendi-tures for Columbia county for the year 1893. J. G. SWANK, Com's G. M. IKELER, of W. H. UTT, Col. Co. Attest : C. M. TERWILLIGER, Clerk.

We, the undersigned auditors of Columbia county, being elected to adjust and settle the accounts of the Treasurer and Commissioners of Columbia county, do herely certify that we mot at the Commissioners' and Treasurer's offices in Bioensburg, Mondar, January offi-(1996), at 9 o'clock, and proceeded to audit the accounts of the above named offices, and after carefully examining the same from Jan. 1, 1995, to Jan. 1, 1996, we find a balance in the hands of J. B. Fowler, Treasurer, of (Biblid, 85 thirteen thousand one hundred sixty-one and 85-100 doj-iars. W.M.MONROE.

MIS. W. M. MONROE, W. A. DREISBACH, W. F. STOHNER, Attest: C. M. TERWILLIGER CIEFK

Feathers as Popular Trimmings

Feathers are everywhere. Combined with imithtion jewels and jet they make most elaborate trimmings. Vandyke points made of black ostrich plumes ure strikingly effective on light colored evening gowns. Small curly tips are used for outlining decollete bodices. In the stores narrow feather trimming is sold by the yard for expensive cloth costumes. It is appliqued to the bodice to simulate a vest or to outline seams. Spangles are frequently combined with a feather fringe. Trimmings formed of feather pendants are another novelty The pendants swing from a jeweled band, and outline a corsage beautifully. The newest satins for evening gowns have raised velvet flowers for the designs and are wonderfully soft and beautiful.

A Word About Birthdays.

A lonely woman, one who was bearing patiently a great sorrow, surprised a friend one day by saying: "Come with me next Tuesday, it is my birthday, and I want you to help me celebrate it." "Why should she care to celebrate her birthday?" thought the friend. But the next week she learned, for the sorrowful one went loaded with gifts to an institution in which she took a keen interest. "I want some one to be glad that I was born," said she, and that is the noblest, best and happiest thought that can come to us on our birthdays. It is pleasant to be remembered and to receive presents, but whether surrounded with love or suffering from neglect, which is more often thoughtlessness than intention, we can make some one happier because we were born.

in chorus, as they followed the General's example "Ha! Glad to see you, Colonels,"

said the little man as he extended a hand to each in succession. "Let's see! Have we a Judge among us here this evening?'

"We have," replied two of the four others. "So glad to see you, Judges-so glad! Shake hands. Beautiful evenog, this! I presume you other two gen. tlemen bear the respective titles of Major and professor?"

"We do," said the pair of us. "Ah-glad to know it-awfully glad.

Major and professor, shake handsthake hands. Might have a little more rain, but we can't find much mult with the weather."

"And who are you, if you please?" asked the General.

"I? Oh! I'm only an ex-Governor, an ex-Cabinet officer, and ex-Congressman, and at present raising \$6,000,000 to put another railroad bridge across the Missourl river. Keep your seats, gentlemen-1 wouldn't thing of intruding my company on such a distingushed assembly."

Next day, when we found out that he was only a drummer for a Cheinnati choe factory, he had departed, and we couldn't give him the licking he decerved.-Detroit Free Press.

Jones' Ignorance.

This in Mr. Gorman, Mr. Jones," said the gentleman in charge of the new member.

I didn't catch the name," said Mr. Jones.

"Gorman," replied the distinguished Marylander, 'Member of the House?" inquired the

new member.

"No sir: Senate"

"Oh, yes; Senator Gorman, I see, replied the new member. "Let me see, from what State, Mr. Gormant

"Maryland," said Mr. Gorman, who by this time was somewhat irritated by his newly made acquaintance's ignorance

"Oh, yes," replied Mr. New Member, 'Democrat or Republican?"

The last question was more than the Democratic leader of the Senate could stand, and, with a look of disgust on his face, he turned on his heel and walked hurriedly away .- Atlanta Constitution.

The New Tramp.

"Well, what is it now?"

"Jes' a bite o' suthin' to eat, please, mum. Ye see, it's dis way: I-"Oh, I know. Out of work. Sick child-

'No, mum; I'm de s'ciety editor on big New York papes, 'n' I bet five t'ousand bones wid me frien' Wander-

blik dat I'd beat me way fum San Francisco to Gowanus widout-You're the third loafer that's told

that yarn. Now get out!"

and a state of the second

"Yes'm. Anyt'ing t' 'blige. Needn't call de dog. You'll get a inwite t' de nex' Wanderblik weddin', I don't t'ink." -New York Recorder.

The lightning ran from bayonet point to bayonet point, shattering the guns completely. Only one man was killed-one who carried no gun; through him the lightning was conducted to the ground. His body was covered with blue and green spots and stripes. The eyeglasses of one man were melted and burned into the flesh, and he received other painful injuries, but he will live. Another had both legs stiffened. The cries of the suffering men are said to have been heart-rending.

The "Honey Guide"

The "honey guide" is a small bird in South Africa which by its flight and peculiar cry, "Chiken, chiken, chik churr churr," conducts the white or black man to the honey of wild bees. The object of the bird in thus warning and leading persons to the hive of the bee is to obtain the young larvae, of which it is very fond. There are three or four varieties of the honey guide, but the indicator major and indicator minor are the best known. They are brown-yellow birds about the size of starling, and belong to the cuckoe family.

An Electric Organ.

One of the novelties on board the new American steamship St. Louis is an electric organ, with a switch attached, by means of which the current can be cut off when the player fails to please his audience, or when, for any reason, one wishes the music discontinued. It asserted that the switch was put in to save the passengers from the annoy. ance of incompetent players.

The Hottest Mines in the World.

The hottest mines in the world are the Comstock. On the lower levels the heat is so great that the men cannot work over ten or fifteen minutes at a time. Every known means to mitigate the heat has been tried in vain. Ice melts before it reaches the bottom of the shafts.

Face and Pa Value.

"I honestly believe that Smythe married his wife on account of her good looks." "Took her at her face value, as it were." "And I've no doubt that Browne married his wife because her father was wealthy." "Took her at her pa value, as it were."

Drunkest Family on Earth.

John Ogden, of Chester, England, has been arrested 139 times for drunkenness and disorderly conduct; his father shared this fate thirty-five times, one sister sixty seven times, and a second sister twenty-nine times. The turbulent family has cost the State not less than \$10,000 so far.

He Was Bald.

"I presume you carry a memento of some sort in that locket of yours?" 'Precisely; it is a lock of my husband's hair." "But your husband is still alive!" "Yes, sir; but his hair is all

nor is it likely that Russian men-ofwar could enter the Bosphorus from the North with success.

He Had an Eye to Business.

It is related of a well-known merchant in a neighboring city, says Siftings, that, after making his will and leaving a large property to a trustee for his son, he called the young man in, and, after reading the will to him asked him if there was any improvement or alteration he could suggest. "Well, father," said the young gentleman, lighting a cigarette, "I think as things go nowadays, it would be better for me if you left the property to the other fellow and made ma trustee The old gentleman made up his mind then and there that the young man was quite competent to take charge of his own inheritance, and scratched the trustee clause out.

The Shark and the Porpoise

Fights between sharks and porpoises are said to be common in the waters around the Florida Keys, and the fishermen thereabouts declare that the porpolse always wins, and sends the shark, which usually begins the fight, scurrying away. The shark has to turn on its side to bite, and the nimble porpoise easily keeps out of reach of its snapping jaws, and then jumps in and deals the shark tremendous slaps with its Ex-City Treasurer McCreary of tail. Philadelphia avers that he witnessed an encounter of this sort recently in which the porpoise killed the shark.

The Sun Do Move.

The Rev. John Jasper is as firmly convinced as ever that the sun moves round the earth, and that the earth doesn't move at all. He preached his famous "sun-do-move" sermon to an audience of two hundred white folk in Mount Zion Church, Richmond, Va., recently, and was more than ever scornful toward the scientists, and emphatic in his arguments for the literal acceptance of Biblical texts bearing on the "When you rises and when you point. sots down, don't you move? Den how

parties are making of God.

Chauging His Mind.

"What is that loud, jarring noise in the next room?" asked young Ferguson, with some uneasiness. "It's papa, answered the young woman. "I-I think he's changing his mind about your coming here so often."

The Most Wonderful City.

The most wonderful city within the limits of the United States, and which has no existence whatever during the summer months, is Fish City, Mich. This municipal oddity is built on the ice of Saginaw Bay regularly every winter, and is occupied by men and their families, who are engaged in catching, cleaning and packing lake trout and white fish for the market. Fish City is situated in the same cove every winter, and is built of rough pine boards. In the winter of 1893-94 it had a population of nearly 3,000, and in 1894-95 almost twice that number.

Lighter Than Aluminum.

The metal glucinlum, hitherto a chemical rarity, is likely to come forward as a useful material, especially in electrical work. It is only twice as heavy as water, and is, therefore, even lighter than aluminum. It is a good deal less extensible than iron, and has an electric conductivity greater than that of copper. It is more durable than At its present price, \$17.83 per iron. pound, it is one-tenth the price of platinum, weight for weight, and 1-169th the price, volume for volume,

What Is Fame?

"Mr. Speaker," exclaimed a member of the New South Wales Parliament, 'my colleague taunts me with a desire for fame. I scorn the imputation, sir. Fame, sir! What is fame? It is a shaved pig with a greased tail, which slips through the hands of thousands and then is accidentally chught by some lucky fellow who happens to hold on to it. I let the greasy-tailed quadruped go by me without an effort to clutch it, sir."

Smart Boy, This.

A thirteen-year-old boy of Shaftesbury, Vt., caught in a trap, a few days ago, an eagle that measured seven feet from tip to tip of its wings, and weighed thirty pounds. He had a hard fight with the bird, impprisoned as it was, before he could subdue it.

The Largest Iron Smokestack.

The largest iron smokestack ever con. structed in New England was erected in Rockville, Conn. It was 100 feet high, 54 inches in diameter and weighed 10 tons. The stick of timber from which the pulleys were suspended, cost \$250 and was brought from Boston on three freight cars.

Hebrews In London.

It is estimated that the number of Hebrews in London is about 100,000 or 120,000. There are 15,964 Hebrew children attending the London board and Hebrew voluntary schools of the lower grades.

Her Greatest Need.

The kind women of the church had helped their poor sister through a long illness. They had hired a physician for her, had seen that his prescriptions were filled, had brought her broth and jellies, had cleaned her tenement and, finally, when the was on the road to health again, hid made up a purse for her. A couple of weeks later one of them happened to call to see how their protege was getting along. She discovered the erst-while invalid very "low in her mind" and also in her larder.

'Why, Mrs. Hendricks!" she exclaimed. "We surely left you enough money to keep you comfortably for a while. Have you spent the whole fifteen dollars?

"Yes," sighed the beneficiary.

"How?" demanded the inquisitor. "Well, bein' sick so long that time taught he a lesson about not havin' a decent-negligee, they call them, I think -to my name. When I was just able to sit up I thought how fine 'twould be to have somethin' more tasty-like than an ole shawl to put over my shoulders. So the first day I was out I bought me a pink cashmere wrapperjust in case I should be sick again, you know."

Bridal Stationery.

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For the bride on her honeymoon there has recently been designed a special stationery put up in a white satin circular box. Within are fifty sheets of rather rough cream white paper showing a deep border in satin finish and prepared for stamping with one's newly acquired initial and the address of the house where the honeymoon is to be spent. Both envelopes and paper are to be tied up with a profusion of white ribbons through the bows of which are thrust an ivory pen handle with gold point, a tiny ivory paper knife and two sticks of perfumed white wax complete the outfit.

The Origin of the Thimble.

A thimble was originally a thum?" bell, because it was worn on thumb, as sallors still wear their thimbles. It is a Dutch invention, and in 1884, in Amsterdam, the bi-centennial of the thimble was celebrated with a meat deal of formality. The first thimble made was presented, in 1684, to Anna van Wedy, the second wife of Killien van Rensselaer, the purchaser of Rensselaerwyck. In presenting his begged useful gift, Van Benscheten Mme. Rensselaer "to accept this new covering for the protection of her dillgent fingers as a token of his esteen."

The House of Romanoff. The house of Romanoff-Holstein-Gottorp has ruled in Russia for 135 years, and during that period it has never before happened that the firstborn of a reigning Czar was a girl. Anti-Government much out of this unprecedented event The superstitious Russians are beginning to look on the uncertainty of the succession and the consumptive tendency of the Romanoffs as a judgment

could the sun rise and go down 'thout movin'?" he argues.