ONE WOMAN'S WAY.

A HOUSEBOAT INCIDENT.

In July, 1892, I accepted an invitation to spend a week at Pangbourne with the Hewlets on their houseboat.

A pleasanter party was surely never gathered. General and Mrs. Hewletts seemed to concentrate their energies in making young folks happy. The General was, and still is, always surrounded by a bevy of larking subalterns, who swore by him as the prince of good fellows, and to whom he was a real guide, philosopher and friend, getting them out of scrape after scrape, and apparently liking them all the better the more scrapes they got into; while Mrs. Hewlett deservedly holds the proud title of the most inveterate and successful match maker in the world.

It was then and there that I first met Archie Chandos, though I had frequently heard of him. Indeed, most people had at that time heard of him, for he managed by his reckless extravagance to get talked about by people in general, and paragraphed by the society papers in particular.

Some two years before our meeting one of his aunts had died, leaving him a handsome fortune, and he had in some eighteen months or so run through as much money as would have maintained him in comfort for the rest

Consequently, the last financial state of that young line lieutenant was conworse than the first, and within a few months of my first meet-ing with him a meeting of his creditors had been called, and he had been severely admonished by some gentlemen rejoicing in the rank and style of official receiver.

I must confess I was agreeably surprised on making his acquaintance. I found him a very good-looking, unassuming, gentlemanlike, and straightforward boy, with frank, good-tempered eyes and a winning countenance.

In the morning we fished or punted, and in the afternoon made calls or played lawn tennis in the neighborhood. At 5 I'clock there was always a pleasant tea on the deck of our own or somebody's else boat.

It was supremely pleasant to sit from 9 till about 10 or 11 among the palms Chinese lanterns, watching the moonlight kissing the placid bosom of the sleeping river. It was pleasanter still when Archie, bringing his deck chair closer to mine, chatted confidentfally, as though we had met as many years ago as days. He had been left early an orphan,

and had been brought up under the strict unbending rule of doubtless worthy but bigoted relatives, so that I ceased to wonder that, as seen as he gained his majority and freedom, he plunged into the vortex of the whirlpool men call life.

"You see. I never had a sister," he said, his eyes resting on my face with a strange wistful expression. "I think if my life had been blessed with the influence of a girl like-like some girls I have met, it would have been other

than it has been." From the after-deck drifted the aroma of cigar smoke, the sound of voices—the General's and Archie's. I heard my name mentioned. I am a woman. I listened. Under the circumstances so would a man.

"A capital chance for you, my boy," said the General. "I'm pretty certain she likes you, and she's as good as gold.

Ah! but she's wealthy," said Archie. "If I had met her before I played the fool with my fortune, it might have been. But for a penniless outcast like me to seek a girl like that! What would the world think? What would

There was a pause. Then he said ab-

"Good night, General, By the by, I must pack up and be off in the morning. I must go up to the horse guards to see about my exchanging into a West Indian regiment, or retiring and receiving the value of my commission." "And what shall you do after?"

"Don't quite know-cattle ranche in Texas, sheep farm in Queensland, or perhaps Kimberley or Mashonaland." Next morning I discovered that it

was absolutely necessary that I should punt up to Whitehureh Lock. Archie Chandos offered to punt me. but I would not permit him, consenting, however, to take him as a passenger. "I am going away this afternoon," he said, dreamily gazing at Whitchurch

woods up above. "Indeed!" I said, with an assumed air of profound indifference. "Tired of

this quiet kind of life, I suppose?" He made no answer. Then suddenly it strangely occurred to me that we were not very far from the houseboat, that the river was not

very deep, that I could swim across it without the least difficulty in the world, and that the water could not be very cold, while nothing in the world seemed much more desirable that hot morning than a good ducking.

And just then, strangely enough, my pole slipped, and in half a moment, with a half-scream, I went tumbling into about four feet of water,

He was almost instantly beside me, one arm round me, the other striking out for the opposite chore.

We were in really deep water now, so naturally I, for safety, clasped his neck with one of my arms

Whatever would Mrs. Grundy have said? Mrs. Gen. Hewlett, when I told her in confidence, said:

"You designing little minx! I like you now better than ever, and I'm sure he'll make one of the best husbands in the world. So much better than his going to Texas."-London Evening News.

Facts in Natural History.

Some curious facts in natural history are that fishes have no eyelids, and necessarily sleep with their eyes open; they swallow their food whoie, having no dental machinery furnished them. Frogs, toads and serpents never take food except that which they are satisfied is alive. Serpents are so tenacious of life that they will live for six months or longer without food. The head of a rattlesnake has been known to inflict a fatal wound after being severed from

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Pumice stone is one of the best hings to use in removing stains of any kind from the hands.

Creaking boots: Stand the boots for twenty-four hours in a pan of sait and water, deep enough to cover the soles.

A sponge large enough to expand and fill the chimney after having been squeezed in, tied to a slender stick, is the best thing with which to clean a lamp chimney.

Here is a point to bear in mind when purchasing poultry: Select that which is "dry picked." Poultry that is scaldbefore being picked loses much of its flavor and will not keep so well. It may be recognized by the skin, which will be smooth and drawn rather tight over the flesh. The fowl will have a plump appearance because of the contraction of the skin by heat.

In washing anything made of chamhis skin use warm water with a little ammonia in it. Wash by rubbing beween the fingers, but do not wring the hamois. Press it between the palms of the hands to take out the water, and hang before the fire or in the hot sun to dry quickly, rubbing and pulling the article into proper shape every few moments to prevent the skins drying hard and stiff.

When plants in pots have become rozen, they should be dipped into a pail of cold water so as quite to im-merse the leaves, care being taken not to break the brittle leaves. When thawed by the water, they should be placed in a warm room, but not near the fire; they should be watered with a tittle artificial manure. We cannot vouch for this treatment, but consider it worth a trial.

House Plants.

One of our lady readers, successful with her house plants in the winter season, gives us two points in their management. Every gardener and florist knows the value of what is called bottom heat." A warm atmosphereespecially if a dry one—is often insufficient to bring about healthy growth, and is sometimes injurious. What is wanted for many kinds of plants and owers, is most heat at the roots and libres, where the growth really starts, and from which the stimulus is coneyed to every other part of the plant. A thrifty growth below the ground is sure to be followed by fruit and flowers above. Our lady friend accom-plishes this by filling the saucers of ter flower-pots with hot water. This s, of course, absorbed, giving the reuired bottom heat. Unthrifty plants, n addition to this, she places on the nantel-piece over the kitchen range reeping them, of course, well watered. supplies heat where it is most wantd-at the roots-and the benefit is narked. In warm rooms the higher emperature is at the top, and the coldst near the floor, where the pots are, This reverses the proper order, giving he roots of a plant the coldest place Another important matter in house lants is to give them the morning Windows, where flowers are kept should therefore face the east. The easons are not known, perhaps, but he fact is patent to all whose business is to develop healthy growth in plants and flowers, that an hour of norning sun is worth three hours of ifternoon sun. Every one observes his, and it may be owing to some increased electrical action at that time.

London's Miserable Women.

General Booth, commenting on th ase of an elderly woman who recenti poisoned herself rather than enter workhouse, says he calculates tha here are at least 5,000 women in Lonion, above 50 years of age, who have no dwelling save the streets, or where ever they can find a shelter. In the eason, says the London Mail, they pick up a living by doing odd jobs about Covent Garden or the other Lonion markets. At other times they wander about the city in the early nornings, gathering out bits of rags rom the tubs of refuse that are put out from warehouses for collection by dust carts. They collect from the same repentacles the cast-out tes leaves for another brewing, when they are lucky enough to get a little hot water. Or hey eke out their wretched existence by doorstep cleaning and fire-lighting. or occasionally sell watercress and the The wandering crowd is made up of broken-down widows, deserted wives and a few of the gaunt survivors of another class. Each goes her own de-spairing way, but all are united with the one passionate hatred of the workhouse. For such poor creatures the Hanbury street shelter for women le provided, and the Salvation army hopes soon to be able to open a like shelter at the West End.

Use of Glycerine. So few of us appreciate the many raluable qualities of glycerine, and in how many ways it may be used. In case of thirst in a fever patient a few drops applied to the lips or tongue will allay thirst, and an irritating cough may be allay if by the use of it. For flatulency, take a tenspoonful after each meal. Applied to the shoes. glycerine is a great preservator of the leather and will prevent wet feet by keeping out water. Equal parts of bay rum and glycerine applied to the face after shaving is very soothing and cooling to the skin. A few drops of glycerine put into fruit jars the last thing before sealing will help to keep the preserves from moulding on top. It will prevent the hands from chapping or cure them if they are chapped. Two or three drops will often relieve the pain in a baby's stomach. In short the uses of glycerine are innumerable

The 1830 Skirt Tilt.

In Paris the old practice of holding ap the skirt at the side has quite gone out of fashion. Owing to the width of the modern skirt it is necessary to lift it on either side in order to evade the mud, and consequently our belies will shortly adapt the 1830 air, which so distinctly modest and feminine. Petticoats under dresses so lifted require, therefore, to be more handsome and dainty than the gowns themselves. and many of them are now being elab orately embroidered to prepare for the inevitable demand.

DIG GUNS AND NERVOUS HENS.

Near the Indian Head Proving Ground. The United States proving ground at Indian Head, on the Potomac below Washington, is in a shallow ravine, half a mile or more wide, and running ik for a mile or so from the Governwharf. Outside this depression. as the tale is told by veracious gradu-tes of the Naval Academy who have on stationed at the post, there is a mi-circular belt some ten miles broad. ere chicken raising is impossible Vitain the ravine the ordinary hen of amerce lays eggs, and, if undisturbin her intentions of domesticity, gatches them with only the usual vicisitudes to which hens and eggs are subet. The sharp, cracking bang of the g guns that are fired at heavy armor kes, day after day, does not disturb he process of incubation within the

But the farmers in the adjacent counry, north, east and south tell a unanmously mournful tale of "setting" afer "setting" of selected eggs that have gone the malodorous way of eggs that are sat upon and not hatched. Not an egg in all the belt, the farmers say, has developed a chicken since the proving ground was established. This failure of the eggs to do their duty is very naturally attributed by the farmers to the firing of the big guns; the rural citizens explain it by saying that the 'noise makes the hens nervous."

The officers have worked it out to their own satisfaction that the fecundity of eggs within the depression and the lack of it in those without are due to the length of the heavier sound waves that start from the muzzles of the guns. The first impact of these really big waves, they say, is well outside of the protecting hills about the station. The noise of the guns is far louder, they say, out beyond the hills than it is inside the ravine, with the guns right at hand. Outside where the sound waves bump the earth hardest they rattle the eggs into unproductiv-My.

Derivation of "Cocktail."

To the very limited list of English words of Aztec origin "chocolate," "coyote," and one or two others, It seems that there must be added another-the apparently senseless name, "cocktail," of an artful mixture of liquor, bitters, sugar, ice, and lemon and which, the Chronicler is credibly informed, is sometimes used as a beverage by hardened persons. This is the story of the derivation of the word:

Long before Cortez and his conquistadores had come to trouble the peace of Anahuac, an Aztec noble was blessed with a fair daughter, Xochitl by name, who, by dint of native genius and close study of "The Barkeepers' Guide," attained marvelous proficiency as a com-pounder of strange and seductive mixd dilnks. The Aztec monarch of that ay was known to be a connoisseur of rates. this art, and when Xochitl, one day produced a "chef de'oeuvre," a verita-ule dream of a drink, her father deem-It worthy to be presented to his King, and his daughter deserving of the coor of personally presenting it. The monarch was delighted with compound and compounder. He drank the one with delight and married the other. He decreed that this ambrosial beverage should bear, and so hand down to fame he name of its inventor, Xochitl. The rink of course became the rage in the art and fachionable circles of the apital. The fad spread throughout the empire among people of all ranks and es. Everybody drank Xochitl al its solid merits gave it permanent The drink and its name sur rived the Spanish conquest. When, in 1848. Scott's soldiers came to revel in he halls of the Montezumas the United States discovered Xocaltl, approved it and adopted it, and adopted it, anglic-

zing its name into "cocktail."
The derivation is, at least, ingenious and interesting. That it may be also worth the attention of serious philolo gists is suggested by the fact that the word "cocktail," as the name of a rink, seems to have first appeared in American and English literature in the early '50s.-Rochester Democrat and Chroniele.

Two Hundred Miles an Hour.

David L. Barnes, the electrical expert of the Baldwin & Westinghouse concern, has ventured to make some remarkable predictions for the electric locomotive recently built by his com-

The locomotive will make 150 miles just as easy as 120 when the track is observant of the needs of children. sultable, sald Mr. Barnes to a New York Journal man. The power is all sufficient from the central station, and the apparatus is adapted for any speed 200 miles an door. For higher apsed we use slightly larger wheels ers wire on the motors and different gear ratio. The weight of the locomove is 150,000 jounus; in length it is If feet over the pilots. Inside of the amotive a small space is taken up by controller at either and, the control being operated from both ends of the locomotive. It will be some time efore the electric tocomotive will have chance to person its work of revoon in transpor a on. Millions must expended before even the most en rising railroad could be properly ned for the new express, and the power of the road changed from to electricity. Signals are now ounts only a mile apart, while with new electric marvel it will require car way of one and a half miles to the express. There must be no ale crossings. The track must be

The Largest Boiler Plate.

The largest steam boiler plate in the and was recently turned out at the cupp works, in Essen, Germany. Its mensions are as follows: Length, 35 co.; winth, 11 feet; thickness, 1% es; surface, 429 square feet, and cials 37,600 pounds. Compared with ly rolled by the Stockton Malleable Iron Company of England sinks into Insignificance. This plate, which was announced by the makers as the larges ever turned out in England, measures Length, 74 feet; width, 5 feet; thick ness three-fourths of an inch. Its surface measures nearly 370 square feet honey, and it weighs 12,300 pounds.

A Winter Bath CRAYONS at McKillip Bros.,

WHAT CAME OF BREAKING THROUGH THE ICE IN A WISCONSIN RIVER IN FEBRUARY.

From the Chronicle, Chicago, Ill.

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Five years ago last winter, there was considerable commetion on the banks of the White River, Wisconsin, as a young man named E. N. Halleck, had broken through the ice, and was for some moments lost to view. It was not long, however, before Mr. Halleck came in sight again, and by artistic means was fished from the fluid and restored to society. If the ducking had been all, it would have been well, but unfortunately, the young gentleman contracted a heavy cold, resulting in chronic rheumatism, complicated with disease of kidney and urinary organs.

The first benefit I obtained was a less frequent desire to urinate, and essenting of that dreadful pain in the back, which tened to urinate, and essenting of that dreadful pain in the back, which teneds a less frequent desire to urinate, and essenting of that dreadful pain in the back, which teneds a less frequent desire to urinate, and essenting of that dreadful pain in the back, which teneds to urinate, and essenting of that dreadful pain in the back, which teneds to urinate, and essenting of that dreadful pain in the back, which teneds to urinate, and essenting of that dreadful pain in the back, which teneds to urinate, and essenting of that dreadful pain in the back, which teneds to urinate, and essenting of that dreadful pain in the back, which teneds to urinate, and essenting less frequent desire to urinate, and essenting of that dreadful pain in the back, which teneds to urinate, and essenting less frequent desire to ur

cold, resulting in chronic rheumatism, complicated with disease of Ridney and urinary organs.

"For six months," writes Mr. Halleck, "I was laid up, and not able to do anything. During this time I suffered with pains in the stomach and small of the buck, and headache, urination was frequent and painful, my heart's action was increased, and I had aches all over my body, and was generally used up. Then I was able to go out, but was a confirmed invalid, and for nearly four years I was in that condition, and expected then that I should always be disabled for nothing that I took gave me any relief.

"In December, 1895, I read an advertisement about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and on speaking of it to Mrs. A. E. Derby, she strongly urged that I should take them, as she said she believed they would cure me. I had been under physicians' care for over two years, but as they did me no good I did not ask their advice about taking these pills, but laid in a supply and began to take them. In about ten days I began to take them. In the condition of the foregoing statement signed by me is true. End of hard the down and State, do hereby certify the Cook County.

I, John T. Perby, a Notary Public in and th

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Women on School Boards.

"Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, is a strong advocate of women on school boards. He says the office of director is one of fitness and if a woman is more fit for the place than man she ought to replace him. On the other side of the Atlantic woman has shown that she is superior to man in her fitness for the office. Dr. Schaeffer believes man is too prone to neglect the comforts of the school house, while on the other hand the woman is more He has the first district to find in Pennsylvania where women are mem bers of the school board that it is possible to talk of the "slaughter of the inconsult women in the curriculm and grading of the school, and if he had his own way he would put several women on each school board in the state. From long experience and careful observation Dr. Schaeffer beforward when we place women on the school board.'

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Why Thunder Rolls.

The prolonged roll of thunder is readily explained by comparison with a volley fired along a line of troops. Suppose troops to be drawn up in line in such number as to extend for a mile, and ordered, by a signal that all could see, to fire at once. One standing at the end of the line would hear the report of the musket nearest him instantly. He would hear the others successively.

Thus a report 550 feet away would come to him in half a second, and he would not hear the last report for five or six seconds after the gun had been fired. This would produce a sort of Williamsport, \$8.79; Wilkesbarre, roll, which would gradually increase in intensity. Flashes of lightning may the Pennsylvania system at reduced be considered as representing three lines of troops along which the explosions occur at the same time. Consider the variety of distance and position of the listener, and we account for the variety of sound in thunder. In mountainous regions the rolling is augmented by reverberations of echoes .-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A young man in Lowell, Mass., troubled for years with a constant succession of boils on his neck, was completely cured by taking only three bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Another result of the treatment was greatly law improved digestion with increased avoirdupois.

Pigs Are Fond of Water.

It is generally believed that pigs cannot swim, but a Burlington (N. J. man knows better. He owns a small island, and one day, while looking over his stock, became aware that some of his pigs were missing. In searching for them he came to the beach, and there was surprised to find a dozen of them swimming. He tried in various ways to coax them to shore, but in vain. They were evidently enjoying themselves, and did not come out until they were ready. Some time later there were some little pigs born, and before they were a week old they were taken for a swim year or more; ninety days notice of with by their elders, who had become so fond of the sport that they visited the beach daily.

A State contemporary asks: "Have we a Democratic party?" In answer, it is said that we have, and, in due nocents." He claims it is better to time, it will rise up like an overshadowing host, as it has repeatedly done in the past, and sweep all opposition before it. Just at present, however, a more pertinent question in Pennsylvania would be, "Have we a Republican party?" It is known that we have a Ouay party, but there is no evidence. leves that we are taking a great step Quay party, but there is no evidence of the existence of a Republican party.

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