

Coldest Since 1794.

Record of a Hundred and Seventeen Years.

J. R. Elfreth, a well-known resident of Delaware county, has a complete record of the weather for the last hundred and seventeen years, going back to 1794, which shows that with the exception of May of 1794, last month was the coldest May of which he has record, being even colder than the May of the famous cold year of 1816, when there were frost and ice every month of the year.

People Tell Each Other About Good Things.

Twelve years ago few people in the world knew of such a preparation as a Powder for the Feet. Today after the genuine merit of Allen's Foot-Ease has been told year after year by one gratified person to another, there are millions who would as soon go without a dentrifice as without Allen's Foot-Ease.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity.

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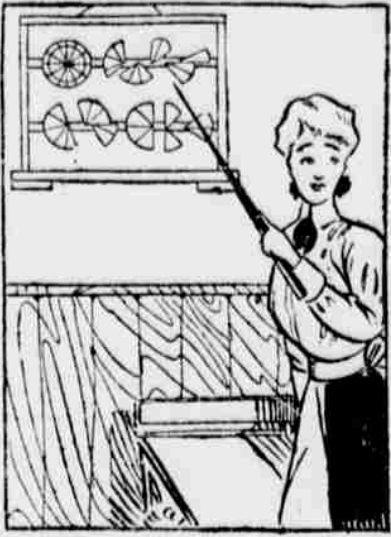
It provides baby with the necessary fat and mineral food for healthy growth.

ALL DRUGGISTS; 50c. AND \$1.00.

A HELP IN THE SCHOOLROOM.

Device for Facilitating Teaching of Fractions.

School teachers assert that they experience little difficulty in teaching small children numbers up to 100, as parents generally impart this knowledge of figures to the



DIVIDES INTO FRACTIONS.

child before it goes to school. Their most troublesome task is to instill fractions into the youthful mind. In the illustration a device for facilitating the teaching of fractions is shown.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.

To cleanse a mica chimney rinse it carefully first in vinegar, then in cold water.

Utensils made of aluminum must never be washed with soda or their appearance will be hopelessly ruined.

A cabbage is more wholesome when boiled in two waters. The first carries off the oil, which to some people is very indigestible.

Books with delicate bindings, which have become soiled through much handling, can be satisfactorily cleaned by rubbing with chamios skin dipped in powdered pumice stone.

Sponge carpets occasionally with hot water in which either common salt or powdered alum has been dissolved. This not only brightens the carpets, but prevents moths.

Gravy will generally be lumpy if the thickening is poured in while the pan is over the fire. Set the pan off until the thickening is well stirred in, then set it on the fire and cook it thoroughly.

Women in Hotels.

In proof that public sentiment has changed largely in regard to women, a writer calls attention to the fact that there are now so many more women to be seen in the lobbies of hotels than there used to be.

Care of Brass Beds.

For brass beds no polishing powders nor liquids should be employed, the brass requiring nothing more than a rubbing with a soft rag to keep it looking bright.

To Interest the Children.

If parents would invest in a small amount of ordinary modeling clay they would feel well repaid in seeing what a source of amusement it is for the children.

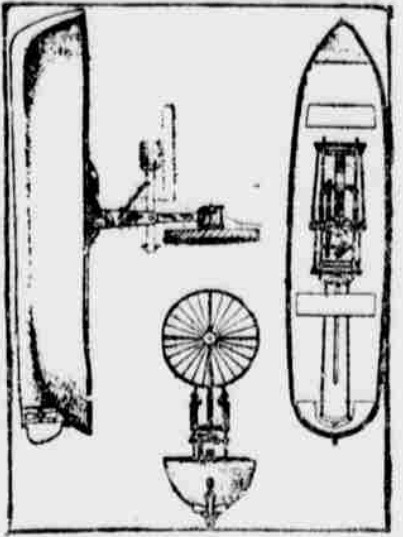
CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Driven Without Sails or Engine.

A wind-propelled boat without sails is a paradox proposed by a St. Louis man who comprehensively designates his device a boat propeller. Fortunately, he is not so enthusiastic over his invention as to imagine that it can be used as a substitute for steam on ocean liners or for sails in the merchant marine.

Obviously the boat is propelled by a windwheel of usual design, geared in suitable manner, with an ordinary propeller disposed as usual. As the



wind was not always favorable, as all yachtsmen and a few others appreciate, a supplementary hand mechanism is provided, operating very much like the lever-arm device of the small boy's express wagon.

Petroleum in Manchuria. The first cargo of petroleum arrived in Manchuria from this country in April, 1904. The emptied oil cans are utilized for everything from a cook stove, on which a Chinese chef can evolve a seven or eight course dinner, to the shingling of a roof or the decorating of a donkey's harness.

Inside the Pike. A man fishing in the lake at Gerardmer (Vosges), caught a large pike weighing about thirty pounds. In preparing it for the table the cook found a purse containing \$9 inside, and this was afterwards identified by a person who a few days before had dropped it into the lake.

The French Bill of Fare. French, on bills of fare, the London Ladies' Pictorial says, will always be preferred by nine out of ten persons, because it introduces into the taking of one's meals an element of chance and adventure which is nearly always appreciated.

FASHION'S MANDATE. A very novel collar is made of many ruches of tulle mixed with velvet baby ribbon in black and white, the black velvet forming flowers.

Silver in brads or fancy trimmings is much used on the pale gray fabrics now so much in vogue.

A novelty in high shoes is of mordore leather, fastened with little tabs instead of buttons or laces.

Lace on lingerie, while still much in favor, is less popular than embroidery for trimming the corset cover intended for ordinary wear.

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Specifics cure by acting directly on the sick parts without disturbing the rest of the system.

- No. 1 for Fevers. No. 2 " Worms. No. 3 " Teething. No. 4 " Diarrhea. No. 7 " Coughs. No. 8 " Neuralgia. No. 9 " Headaches. No. 10 " Dyspepsia. No. 11 " Suppressed Periods. No. 12 " Whites. No. 13 " Croup. No. 14 " The Skin. No. 15 " Rheumatism. No. 16 " Malaria. No. 19 " Catarrh. No. 20 " Whooping Cough. No. 27 " The Kidneys. No. 30 " The Bladder. No. 77 " La Grippe.

In small bottles of pellets that fit the vest pocket. At Druggists or mailed, 25c. each. 25c. Medical Guide mailed free. Humphreys' Med. Co., Cor. William & John Streets, New York.

HOW TO BUY MODERN CHINA.

Begin by Buying a Few Pieces at its Cheapest in the End.

In buying china several points should be kept in mind. It is cheaper in the end to buy a good quality. By this is not meant elaborate patterns. The simpler colors are the better. Gold is expensive and pieces on which gold is used will cost accordingly.

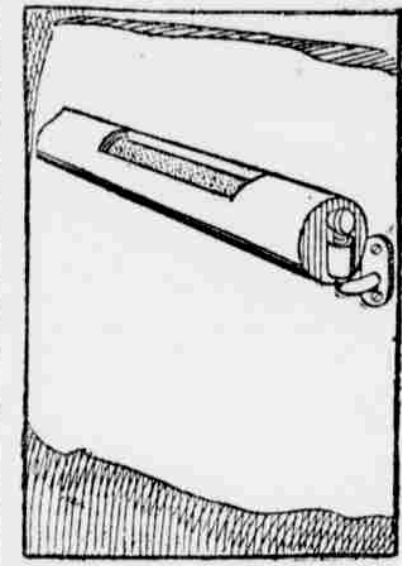
Always choose china which has a name on the bottom of the piece or a mark of the pottery. It is impossible in a short article to give these marks. Books are filled with them and their study is one of great interest.

If you can begin your collection with only a few pieces, be sure that there are representative examples of the potteries whose names they bear.

Such stock patterns are by no means confined to the cheaper grades of china, but many of the best potteries bring out most desirable sets in quality and beauty of design.

Air Moistener.

A Kansas man has very carefully investigated the advantages and disadvantages of various degrees of air in the living room. He has demonstrated that rooms heated from stoves, heaters, etc., are detrimental to human life, as all the moisture in the air is absorbed by the heat, rendering the air exceedingly dry.



MOISTENS THE AIR IN ROOM.

An open trough filled with an absorbent material. Suitable fastenings are provided to attach the moistener to the wall or other convenient position.

NEEDLEWORK NOTES.

Velvet seams should be sewn by hand with a back stitch.

Cut your busting threads short when removing, for in the drawing out of long threads the friction is apt to burn holes in delicate fabric.

Dummy linings properly fitted and dress forms to build over save the price of the forms many times over in the saving from failure or the gaining of best results.

Bear in mind while working with colored silks not to dampen the ends of the thread in the mouth before trying to thread the needle. The silks are colored with poisonous matter and quite often persons have suffered intensely from poison caused in this manner.

Improving the Hair.

The luster of dark hair may be improved by massaging the scalp with a mixture made as follows: Beat a raw egg, to which has been added a quarter of a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda into half a pint of California claret.

An Emergency Dish.

A good emergency dish for Sunday night tea or the unexpected luncheon guest is this. Cut slices of bread a little thick and scoop a hollow in the center of each, leaving the crust as a rim. Grate some cheese, season it with salt and paprika, moisten it with milk and spread the mixture on the bread.

PENNSYLVANIA Railroad.

Table with columns for stations and times. Includes routes to Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and other cities.

PHILADELPHIA & READING RAILWAY.

Table with columns for stations and times. Includes routes to Philadelphia, Reading, and other cities.

ATLANTIC CITY.

Table with columns for stations and times. Includes routes to Atlantic City, Cape May, and other locations.

Columbia & Montour El. Ry.

Table with columns for stations and times. Includes routes to Columbia and Montour.

TIME TABLE IN EFFECT.

June 1, 1904, and until further notice. Cars leave Bloom for Espy, Almedia, Lime Ridge, Berwick and intermediate points as follows:

Table with columns for stations and times. Includes routes to various locations.

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First-class in material and workmanship. Uses universal key board—writes 84 characters. Simple construction—fewest parts. Alignment positive and permanent. Extra great manifold power. Unexcelled for mimeograph stencil cutting.

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WEST.

Table with columns for stations and times. Includes routes to various locations.

ATLANTIC CITY.

Table with columns for stations and times. Includes routes to Atlantic City, Cape May, and other locations.

Bloomberg & Sullivan Railroad.

Table with columns for stations and times. Includes routes to Bloomberg and Sullivan.

NORTHWARD.

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