



WEDDINGS IN BRITTANY.

There is No Limit to the Guests Bidden and No Stint to the Feasting or the Frolic.

The Bretons are a most sentimental people. Their weddings and their wedding parties are most picturesque.

A Breton bride must wear a silken girdle or sash, so tied that it falls, not in single ends, but in long double loops.

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BRITON BRIDE AND GROOM.

child, and grant thee as much consolation as He has granted me!"

It is not known how old this little speech—half prayer and wholly blessing—which every Breton mother makes to her bride-daughter, is.

There is no stint to the feasting or the frolic at a Breton wedding, and there is absolutely no limit to the guests bidden.

The trousseau is commenced—almost at the bride's birth—by the bride's mother. A Breton bride never has to wait for her trousseau.

Exit Wooden Furniture.

It is possible in these days to fit out a bedroom with the use of little wood. To the brass bedsteads are now added brass dressing tables and cheval glasses mounted in brass.

Cornmeal Breakfast Cakes.

To make cornmeal breakfast cakes, mix one tablespoonful of salt in one quart of cornmeal and pour over this enough boiling water to scald thoroughly.

Shorter Dresses for Children.

Children's better dresses are made with such full skirts that they swing to and fro when worn.

Appearances and Reality.

A lot of cushions on a couch look tremendously comfortable, but it is very few women who can sit so as to make them truly so.

TO REMOVE STAINS. Not a Very Difficult Task If You Happen to Know How to Go About It.

Coffee, tea or wine stains are rather difficult to remove from table linen if they are of long standing and have been washed with soap, which tends to set their color.

Sewing machine oil stains can be removed by rubbing the stain with sweet oil or lard and letting it stand for several hours.

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CASTELLANE SKIRT.

This Charming Accessoire du Toilette Was Designed for the Clever American Girl.

While rumors of the "transformation of the beautiful American beauty into a Parisian beauty" are reaching this country, reports are also being sent over of the lovely clothes that she is wearing.

Puffed headings and edgings for frills must be the proper decoration in Paris this summer, for they are seen on all of the latest importations.



CORSET COVER AND SKIRT.

India silk gathered very closely and headed with a puffing of the material. It was sewed upon a very tight-fitting yoke of white taffeta.

The corset cover was of the finest India linen, so fine that it looked like silk, and was trimmed with frills of the most delicate hand embroidery.

The stripes in the belt of the underskirt and the figures in the flounces were of very dainty violet color and the suit was to be worn under a violet organ-die without other lining.

To Set Color in Gingham.

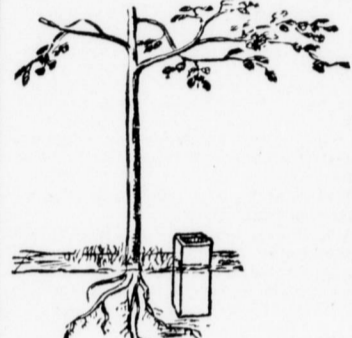
To set the color in gingham, the gingham dress may be dipped in a bucket of cold soft water before washing.



IDEA FROM THE WEST.

How Box Irrigation is Practiced in Many Sections of the So-Called Arid Regions.

Box irrigation, as practiced in many sections of the arid west, is a cheap method of saving fruit trees and vines from the effects of drought.



BOX IRRIGATION.

find its way to the tree roots, and down as the main tap root conducts it, until the moisture is taken up by the many branches and rootlets.

A favorite and handy device for conveying water from the source to the boxes is found in Texas and Arizona and consists of a barrel fastened to a two-wheeled cart or truck.

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Why Celery is Bleached. It is not for the mere sake of blanching that celery is so treated, for, if this were the case, only self-blanching varieties would be used.

The only pig that will attain size enough to safely pass the winter is one that is born six or seven months before cold weather is expected.

The Late Fall Pigs.

In most of the discussions about what kinds of food are best, the fact is overlooked that no food except, perhaps, wheat, gives all nutritive elements in their proper combination for best results.

Variety of Food for Pigs.

A "mile" in Various Countries. Our English mile is 1,760 yards, and differs from the unit of distance used in other countries.

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WOMAN'S HEROISM.

From the Register-Gazette, Rockford, Ill. During the civil war nearly as much heroism was shown by the women of our nation as by the brave soldiers.



On the Battlefield.

organization known as the Woman's Relief Corps, whose aid to the soldier of to-day, fighting against the world for a living, is no less notable than the heroism of the '60's.

At last Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People were brought to her notice, with indisputable evidence that they were helpful in cases such as hers, and with renewed hope she tried the remedy.

THE OFFICIAL TIME.

It Was Carried by the General and Had to Be Recognized as Such.

The necessity that there shall be only one man who "has the say" in a military or naval command is thoroughly recognized in the United States army.

At a certain frontier post at which Shafter, who then held an inferior rank, was commander many years ago, a discussion arose among several officers as to the exact time of day.

"It is now exactly three o'clock," "Oh, no," said a lieutenant, "by my time it's eight minutes past three."

Then the young officers remembered that the authority of the commanding officer extended even to the time of day.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Submerged.

It's a pretty tough tale they tell on the Kentucky man who went to a big banquet out of the state.

Heroic Honors.—"Evelyn," said her father, "what particular feat of bravery did that young man who called on you last night perform during the war?"

Some people spend money only when they have an audience.—Aitchison Globe.

The best cooks are those who can't always pronounce correctly the names of the fanciest dishes they cook.—Aitchison Globe.

"When your wife was a young girl she used to paint still life pictures very prettily. Has she improved in her accomplishment since?"

Compulsion.—As for the beautiful pariah, she merely sneered. "Wretched neighbors!" she exclaimed. "They shall yet come to me! Look, I have wealth! I shall have a tele- phone in my house! Ha, ha!"

Mistress—"I should like to know what business that policeman has in my kitchen every night in the week?"

Customs Officer—"Anything dutiable?" Mrs. Brown's Husband—"Nothing but me. I'm a dutiable husband, you know."—Boston Transcript.

Habit.—"Col. Bloodfield's old war traits still cling to him." "How so?" "I dined with him last night, and he gave the waiter no quarter."—N. Y. Journal.

Living Up to His Habit.—"Why are you always borrowing trouble these days, my son?" "Because it's the only thing left that I can borrow without security."—Detroit Free Press.

Generally, when people tell you how somebody asked their advice, it means that they volunteered it.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

"Debts," said an old philosopher, "are the silent partners of experience."—Aitchison Globe.

FUNNY THING IN SPELLING.

Learning to Manipulate a Typewriter Gets a Man into a Queer Habit.

A Cleveland man has set about learning the use of the typewriter. Up to the present time he has had somebody to do his typewriting for him, but now he wants to know how to run it all by himself.

When the minister finally left him he shook hands and said "Good-by." "G-o-o-d," began the speller and then recollected himself and hastily added "by."

UNTRANSLATABLE. The American Phrase, "Get There," is Difficult for Foreigners to Translate.

"What gives me most trouble," said a foreign military attaché, "is trying to translate our American language into English first, and then into my own language."

New Mother-in-Law Story. A Cleveland man who went east to spend his vacation brought home with him what he thinks is a new mother-in-law story.

Where's Kentucky? "Where is Kentucky?" "Kentucky is under the table," was the reply, and, sure enough, he was reposing under the mahogany, where not a wave of trouble rolled across his peaceful breast.—Louisville Times.

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How Old She Looks

Poor clothes cannot make you look old. Even pale cheeks won't do it.

Your household cares may be heavy and disappointments may be deep, but they cannot make you look old.

One thing does it and never fails. It is impossible to look young with the color of seventy years in your hair.

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