#### A LIVING WITNESS.

Mrs. Hoffman Describes How She Wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for Advice, and Is Now Well.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:-Before using your Vegetable Compound I was a great sufferer. I have been sick for onths, was troubled with severe pain in both sides of abdomen, sore feeling



with dizziness headache, and ould not sleep wrote you a letter describing my case and asking your advice. You replied telling me just

followed your directions, and cannot praise your medicine enough for what it has done for me. Many thanks to you for your advice. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured me, and I will recommend it to my friends.—Mrs. FLORENCE R. HOFFMAN, 512 Roland St., Canton, O.

The condition described by Mrs. Hoffman will appeal to many women, yet lots of sick women struggle on with their daily tasks disregarding the urgent warnings until overtaken by actual collapse.

The present Mrs. Pinkham's experience in treating female ills is unparalleled, for years she worked side by side with Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, and for sometimes past has had sole charge of the correspondence department of her great business, treating by letter as many as a hundred thousand ailing women during a single year.

Mrs. Weeks—What business is your husband engaged in?
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"Is he a "bull' or a 'bear?"
"Both. He's a bull at the stack exchange and a bear at home."—Chicago Evening News.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury,

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#### View of a Layman.

Bill—What do you reckon that doctor umps me all over de chest fer? Jake—Tryin' to see how much dough you ad in your inside pocket, of course.—Cin-inati Enquirer. cinnati Enquirer.

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Truly Loved.
y—My husband is very good to

Mrs. Adsley-ne. He always me. He always accompanies me to church on Sundays. Mrs. Darling—That's nothing. My hus-band looks under the bed at my request every night.—Chicago Evening News.



Not worth paying attention hot worth paying attention to, you say. Perhaps you have had it for weeks. It's annoying because you have a constant desire to cough. It annoys you also

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#### THE WOMEN OF CHINA.

Their Manners and Customs Differ Widely from Those in Vogue in Our Country.

At the present moment, when it may be said, without fear of contradiction. that in the whole of the civilized world there is no woman who is attracting more universal attention and interest than the dowager empress of China (in favor of whom the emperor has resigned, and who is described as being 'a woman in her sixty-fourth year who has not yet lost her love of pow-er"), a few notes about the manners and customs of Chinese women may

be of general interest.

Somehow it is difficult for us to credit any Chinese woman with the "love of power," when, for years we have been accustomed to think of the female population of the celestial empire as be ing remarkable only for their tiny feet deformed from infancy by tight ban-dages for the simple reason that in after life the women may be easily de-tained as prisoners. But, although the chief part of a Chinese lady's costume may in our eyes be her shoes, embroid-ered chiefly by her own hand and of such small dimensions that they would only fit the infants of other nations, there will remain a great deal of inter est in the other articles of her ward robe, which consists of beautifully embroidered silk robes and satin tunics lined in winter with the softest fur.

Even the peasant women wear orna mental garments, especially the bet ter-class ones, who affect bright-col-ored tunics, such as bright blue ones worn over bright red trousers, or light

blue over pink trousers.

Perhaps at the theatrical performances, which play so prominent a part



in China in connection with all regorgeous costumes. The Chinese ladies spare no pains in arraying themselves at such times, and arrive in their best silks and satins, ornamented with many pearls and much jewelry, often going as far as wearing two sets of ear-rings at one time. Their hair is wonderfully dressed and heavily gummed, and decorated with all manner of gaudy artificial flowers; while their cheeks and

lips are profusely colored with rouge.

The average height of a Chinese woman is about four feet six inches, but in their trousers and tunics, which are the most common articles of female dress, they look even shorter. As a nation, they are extremely superstitious, particularly the lower classes; and men and women alike are much given to gambling. It is no uncommon thing to see a woman burning jos sticks and offering up petitions and prayers for good luck to attend her gambling speculations to fu Ti, the God of Earth, who is believed by the

lower classes to favor all gambling. Before a Chinese woman is married, she sends with great pomp and state to her future home her entire trousseau, which is packed in large boxes, the keys of which she brings with her when she comes, and on no account is the bridegroom ever supposed to be allowed to see what is contained in these precious trunks until after the wedding is over, when they are shown to

him with much pride and ceremony.

In a number of ways the Chinese differ totally in custom from Europeans. For instance, it is considered the greatest mark of distinction to remove one's hat in company; and the greatest compliment it is possible to pay a Chinese man or woman is to tell them they look older than they are. Again, no Chinaman or woman would, on any account, ever dream of eating off a white cloth, looking upon it with great horror and superstitious distaste, much in the same way as we would regard a wind-

Another peculiarity of the lower class of women is their slavish fear and regard for their mothers-in-law, who take advantage of their position of being dependent on their daughters-in-law, to whom they often behave most cruelly, and whom the law places with-in their power. To their children the Chinese are devoted, and to all strangers, if kindly treated by them, exceedingly faithful and polite.—St.

Bacon or Ham Rushers.

This is an exceedingly economical, but, nevertheless, most appetizing dish Remnants of cold boiled potatoes, caulilower and cabbage should be cut up to walking suit you now embroider the bacon upon it.

#### CHILD'S SCHOOL APRON. ew Departure in the Garment That

Protects the Little Maid's Petty Dresses.

Children's furnishing stores are show-ing designs in little girls' lawn aprons this year that are quite out of the or-dinary. More material is employed in their construction than in those of former years, and less lace trimming is visible.

Four yards of lawn are required for an apron for a child of seven of eight years. Tucking for the yoke can be



THE NEW EMPIRE APRON.

made at home or purchased for a small amount; in either case a half yard of goods is sufficient for the front and

The back and side widths of the apron are slightly gored to give it more shape, but the front breadth is made very full so that when gathered upon the yoke it falls in folds not unlike those noticed in empire effects.

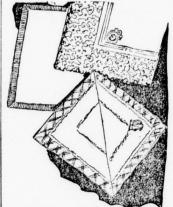
Straps are made of the apron materirows of tucks above the hem. The skirt of the apron has also groups of tucks around the foot.

#### DAINTY MOUCHOIRS.

Hand-Embroidered Handker chief of Sheerest Linen Is the Fad of the Hour.

It is now quite the fad to make one's wn handkerchiefs. The sheerest linen is purchased for the mouchoir, and so carefully is the work done, that it requires weeks to complete a single one, pecially if it be much trimmed.

For shopping and ordinary use the handkerchief is usually quite plain. The edges are turned over and hemstitched, care being taken never to catch more



PRETTY HANDKERCHIEF DESIGNS. than five threads at a draw. The hem is then striped with colored linen or silk thread. Sometimes it is worked with the cross-stitch finished by a fancy stitching in the square, and a monogram.

Evening kerchiefs are hemmed and edged with the rarest valenciennes and point lace. If desired the initial is embroidered in the corner.

How to Wash China Silk.

Silk should be washed as rapidly an ossible. Examine the articles to be washed, and if there are any parts es-pecially soiled clean with a little ben-zine or gasoline applied with a flannel cloth. Then prepare a soapsuds of lukewarm water and plunge the garments in it, sousing them up and down and rubbing them thoroughly in this sud. Rinse them into water a little cooler, and then into a third water still a little cooler, and so on until the final rinsing water is perfectly cold. Do not blue them. Wring them out as dry as possible with a machine. Lay them in sheets and heavy cloths, and roll them as hard as you can in firm rolls. Put them away for an hour, and at the end of that time iron them on the wrong side.-N. Y. Ledger Monthly.

### Monogramed Gloves.

The monogramed glove is the very latest thing and, of course, it is worn only by the extremists of fashion. To make the monogramed gloves you get a pair of plain kid gloves with as little stitching upon the back as possible. Black and white are the best colors. Now mark upon the back of the gloves your monogram, or get it stamped there. With silk the color of your gother, and fried brown in the fat in which the bacon or ham has been upon to layer of it at the bottom of a warm dish bacon upon to the b til you will want no other.



#### TRANSPLANTING TREES.

escription of a Rack and Boat Es pecially Designed for This Operation.

It is very often desirable to trans plant trees which have already attained a considerable size, but it is not safe to do this either in the fall or spring, for before the roots establish themselves to the new conditions of things the tops become lifeless. consequence very few large trees are transplanted. If the tree could be removed from one place to another with out disturbing many of its roots, by pruning the tops, the operation would be attended with less difficulty.

A very successful way is suggested by the illustration portrayed herewith. This operation is performed in winter while the ground is frozen. Consider



RACK AND BOAT FOR TREE MOVING able of the earth is removed from around the outside before frost, care being taken not to disturb the roots any more than absolutely necessary.

The amount of earth left will depend upon the size of the trees. This is to remain until the ball of earth is frozen hard enough to stand moving. the apparatus is applied as suggested. all finished upon the shoulders with and the tree well protected after it small bows of ribbon. The sash is also of lawn trimmed only with two or three of reception is of course to be prepared before the ground freezes. The tree is launched in the same manner as it was loaded. The size of the arms of the standards must be governed by the weight they must sustain. Of course for very large trees guy ropes will have to be used. With smaller ones, little difficulty will be experienced in getting the roots with their ball of earth on to the stone boat.-Farm and Fireside.

#### BORDEAUX MIXTURE.

In the Spraying of Pears of All Kind and Apples It Has Proved Quite Effective.

At Green's fruit farm we have found by the present year's experience that pears are greatly benefited by spraying with Bordeaux mixture. The spray should be applied three times. The first time at once after the trees have blossomed and the next time a few weeks thereafter. The Seckel pear is particularly inclined to be imperfect inless sprayed, but where sprayed the Seckel was smooth and beautiful. The blemishes on other varieties of pears can be largely removed by spraying and the quality of the fruit is greatly increased. In apple orchards buyers do not care to go far to see orenards that have not been sprayed, knowing that the fruit of such orchards cannot be first-class. One spraying is not enough for apple orchards, since frequent showers are liable to occur at the season of the year when spraying is done, which is at the close of blossoming. We have also sprayed our peach trees with partial success, but the spraying not entirely preventing the peach leaf curl. There is no question whatever that the orchardist must have a spraying equipo market the finest speci mens of fruit.-Green's Fruit Grower

### ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Long stable manure makes a good mulch for the strawberry bed, but the objection is that it contains too many weed seeds.

It is claimed that a liberal dressing of salt under quince trees as far out as the roots extend will help to induce bearing.

Moss-covered trees will be benefited by a whitewashing of lime and wood ashes in equal parts, wet up to a proper consistency with water.

The greatest enemy of house plants is dust. Much of this may be avoided by covering before commencing to sweep. Wash the leaves occasionally

If proper work in pruning is done at the time of planting the tree and for the next four or five years little time or abor will be needed afterwards.

In raising trees or plants from cut tings the important point is to have the callus formed as soon as possible, so that the emission of roots will be a little ahead of the unfalding of the eaves .- St. Louis Republic.

American Roads Are Improving. America is a country of poor roads, and those working for highway reform are laboring in a wise and just cause but it is worth noting what great prog ress has already been made. About ten years ago it was emphatically asserted in England that the bicycle could never become popular here because the roads were so poor. To-day America is the greatest cycling country in the world, and there has been more advance in road improvement during the last decade than in any previous 20 years-



from Abroad.

Toronto, Nov. 10th .- The World comnents on the report of the United Empire trade league on the capacity of Canada as a granary for Britain. The report refers to Manitoba as follows: Manitoba has an area of 47 millions acres. Deducting ten million for lakes, rivers, townsites, and waste land, 87,-000,000 acres are left for farm cultivation or homes for 116,000 families or 320 acres each and as up to now there are only 27,000 farmers there altogether, that leaves room in one province for 89,008 more wheat growers. Supposing, then, we got them there and each one of them out of his 320 acres grows on an average 160 acres at 20 bushels to the acre, if you figure it up you will find it is quite possible for Manitoba alone to supply us with all the wheat we require from abroad. It is only a question of money, and, comparatively speaking, not money either. The cost of one first-class battleship (about £750,000) would put 5,000 families on to farms in the North West, allowing £150 to each to find them in implements, seeds, horses, &c. Would keep them until their first crop was harvested. Five thousand farmers, averaging 100 acres of wheat each at 20 bushels to the acre, means an extra 10,000,000 bushels, for if that scheme is not liked Britain would put a duty on foreign wheat.

In addition to the wheat lands of Manitoba there are the millions of

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