



BOTTLES OF POISON.

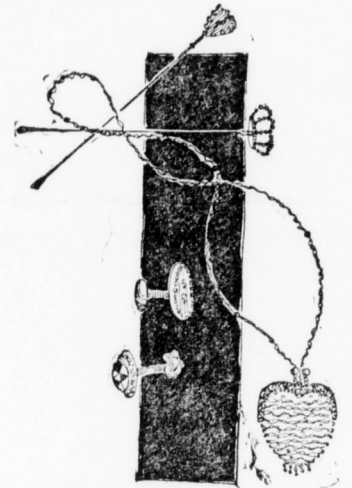
They Were Worn as Jewels by the Beauties of Ancient Phoenicia and Greece.

Modern jewelers have been accustomed to rely to a large extent upon the ideas of ancient artificers for the designs of to-day. Indeed, many of the most popular designs in jewelry to-day are derived from a very remote antiquity, as, for example, the bracelet made in the shape of a coiled serpent. At the Metropolitan museum of art in New York city there is a great collection of ancient jewelry, much of it in gold richly adorned with precious stones. Jewelers in the metropolis frequently visit the museum for the purpose of obtaining suggestions. This collection at the Metropolitan museum is in fact the finest assemblage of antique objects of personal ornaments in existence. Some of them date as far back as 900 B. C. Those of them which are made of silver have been practically destroyed by oxidation, but the gold ones being cleaned are as bright and new-looking as they were 2,500 or 3,000 years ago. The jewelry from Cyprus is the work of ancient Phoenicians and Greeks. One thing very noticeable is the frequency of tiny gold bottles attached to objects of jewelry derived from those ancient times. All evidence points to the conclusion that they were employed to hold poison; for in those days life was by no means secure, and at any time an emergency might arise where a man or woman would be glad to end existence promptly, to escape lifelong imprisonment or indescribable torture by the horrible means used by the ancients.—N. Y. World.

SHIRT WAIST JEWELRY.

A Few of the Dainty Trinkets with Which the Summer Girl Can Bedeck Herself.

Women who are fond of jewelry have been specially favored by Dame Fashion this year, for the style is to wear as much jewelry as one pleases, taking for granted, of course, that some discretion will be exercised to avoid being "a walking jewelry shop."



NEW SHIRT-WAIST JEWELRY.

Two stick pins, a pair of fancy collar buttons and a gold chain to which is attached a small purse are amply sufficient to wear with a shirt waist and skirt, without mention of the belt with its jeweled buckle.

Stick pins in the shape of hearts and crowns are the vogue, and one sees them designed in turquoises, pearls, rhinestones, emeralds and garnets. Diamond chips set in around the edge of the collar button make a pretty collar set, and the stones to match the stick pins are strung at frequent intervals upon the purse chain. Or it is sometimes composed entirely of stones, while the purse is a delicate network of fine gold or silver threads.

Cracks in the Flooring. To stop the cracks in the flooring the following plan is recommended: Gather up all the letters from the waste-paper basket until there is a big bag full—enough to stuff a couple of soft cushions. Set the idle or the willing members of the family to shred into bits the paper harvest. This accomplished, pile the tatters into a pot with water and soak it. To every quart of paper and water add a handful of gum arabic and let the whole simmer to an intensely thick cream. The mixture is easily guessed. The mixture must be put hot in the cracks, well packed and neatly smoothed down. When cold it is ready for a coat of floor paint, and as hard as the rest of the boards, for it is really nothing more nor less than paper mache, and everyone knows what a tough article that is.

Canned Salmon Salad. This is a specially delicate dish for luncheon. Get a can of best brand salmon and, opening, take out the fish in as large pieces as possible, and lay upon a platter. Mix with one quart of celery cut in squares and seasoned with pepper and salt, add a cup of rich mayonnaise dressing. Add to the fish in mixing it with the celery. Pour over the whole half a cup more of dressing, garnish with celery tips, slices of hard-boiled eggs and squares of boiled beets, arranged tastefully. Serve with salted wafers.

Sheep as Barometers. The wool on the back of a sheep is a shepherd's barometer. The earlier the wool the finer will be the weather.

DAINTY DANCE FAVOR.

An Inexpensive and Pretty Souvenir of the Last Social Meeting of the Season.

In many cities where the theater season closes early society whiles away the hours by attending dancing schools. These schools are kept open until the last of June, and at the closing reception dainty little favors are presented to the guests as a souvenir of the evening.

A delightful little favor is the pen or pencil holder. It is executed in sterling silver or other metal and has a plain plate upon the front, upon which the owner's initials may be engraved. The holder can be adjusted to any small desk implement. Or it will probably fit one of the small accessories of the manicure case.



ONLY A SMALL REMEMBRANCE.

There is a small ring at the end through which is run a yard or two of fancy ribbon tied in a bow with several loops and ends.

THE SUPPLY OF BABIES.

Thirty-Six Millions of Cherubs Born Into the World in the Course of Every Year.

It has been computed that about 36,000,000 babies are born into the world each year. This rate of production is, therefore, about 70 per minute, or more than one for every beat of the clock.

With the one-a-second calculation every reader is familiar, but it is not everyone who stops to calculate what this means when it comes to a year's supply. It will therefore probably startle a good many persons to find, on the authenticity of a well-known statistician, that, could the infants of a year be ranged in a line of cradles, the cradles would extend around the world. The same writer looks at the matter in a more picturesque light. He imagines the babies being carried past a given point in their mothers' arms, one by one, and the procession kept up night and day until the last hour in the twelfth month had passed by. A sufficiently liberal rate is allowed, but, even going at the rate of 20 a minute, 1,200 an hour during the entire year, the reviewer at his post would have seen only the sixth part of the infantile host.

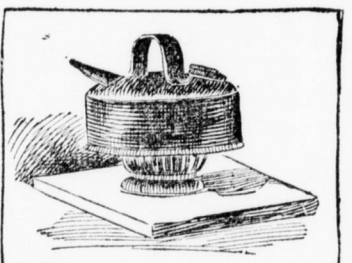
In other words, the babe that had to be carried when the tramp began would be able to walk when but a mere fraction of its comrades had reached the reviewer's post, and when the year's supply of babies was drawing to a close there would be a rear guard, not of infants, but of romping six-year-old boys and girls.—Woman's Life.

FOR THE SUMMER ROOM.

A Convenient Way of Heating Water for the Afternoon Tea During the Dog Days.

Here is a pretty and convenient scheme for heating water for the five o'clock tea.

This outfit consists of a wire frame and a small brass kettle large enough to hold about a quart of water. The



FRAME FOR TEA-KETTLE.

frame can be purchased at any hardware store with the little bowl attached for holding the alcohol. The kettle is filled with water and set over the frame. In a few minutes it is boiling and ready to pour upon the tea. The vessel can be refilled as often as desired. If kept clean and bright it makes an attractive ornament in the corner of the summer girl's boudoir. A wire frame can be fitted at home to an old standard, or you can purchase a very cheap standard and make a fancy border for it.

Fine Cream Salad Dressing.

Yolks of three hard-boiled eggs, yolk of one raw egg, two tablespoonsful of vinegar, one tablespoonful of melted butter, one gill of thick cream, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-quarter teaspoonful of pepper. Mash hard-boiled yolks until perfectly fine and work in gradually the raw yolk. This must be perfectly smooth paste; then add the salt, pepper and melted butter. When well blended add by degrees the cream, working and stirring all the time. Then add gradually the vinegar, and it is ready for use. Put in a cold place. This has the virtue of being agreeable to people who cannot use salads containing the usual salad oils.



UPSET THE PRESIDENT.

How Van Buren Was Convinced That Better Roads Were Needed in the West.

Dumping a man in a mud puddle is rather a drastic way of changing his convictions, yet such was the means by which President Van Buren became a convert to a good-roads movement started in Indiana away back in the thirties. There had been considerable protest against the condition of the western highways, but Van Buren was opposed to what he looked upon as a needless expenditure of money in times of financial stress. Finally he decided to make an investigation for himself, and planned a trip from Washington to St. Louis. The stage coach run between Indianapolis and Terre Haute was under the charge of a whig named



INDIANA'S HISTORIC ELM.

(Under This Tree Van Buren Was Upset in the Mud.)

Hale, who was determined to give the president a practical demonstration of the necessity of additional improvements over his part of the road, at least. He entered into a contract with his driver, Mason Wright, the latter agreeing, in consideration of a five-dollar hat and relief from all damage that might accrue, to dump the president in one of the deepest mud holes along the line.

The plot was carried out in all its details, and the presidential party upset under an elm tree near Plainfield, Ind. The president landed on all fours—if such a description is possible—and, as a dutiful lieutenant, the secretary of state followed his lead and wallowed in the mud and water. Wright caught the stage and did not get very deep in the mud. President Van Buren and his secretary floundered around until they found a root of the old elm, and, standing in the mud almost up to their waists, they waited until the crowd pulled them out.

The historic old elm stands as stately and as full of life now as on the day when the roots gave the president of the nation a plunge. But the road that passes along beside it is no longer a mire of mud. The highway passed under the state and private tollgate regime and was improved into passable shape.

MONEY WELL SPENT.

Every Cent Paid for the Improvement of Roads Is Sure to Pay a Large Dividend.

The construction of good roads has received wide attention in this country, but as yet no practical system has been devised by which any considerable portion of our roads can be improved. The construction of good roads on any except a gravel soil is a costly business, so expensive that the farmers simply cannot bear the burden. It would amount to confiscation of the farms if the burden were placed upon them, for on black prairie soil, for instance, there must be a deep, solid foundation laid. Gravel on such a soil will not stand. It will go down out of sight during the spring thaws. Where such roads exist wide tires would go a long way toward preserving them, but it would be a long time before everybody adopted wide tires. But bad roads are very expensive. The wear and tear of wagons, harness and horses which they entail amount to many millions of dollars in a year, and the farmer is shut out of the market and from all social intercourse with neighbors frequently for long periods. All this is a loss and a serious one, so serious that in many sections where the conditions are all together favorable to road improvements there should be no negligence in this matter. No one should object to the small outlay necessary to make a good serviceable road when only a small outlay is needed. Every road should be made as good as it is possible to make it at reasonable expense, for money thus expended will pay a large dividend.—Agricultural Epitomist.

Smooth Regular Surface.

The peculiar feature of a road grader is that it cuts away the dirt at the side of the road, and draws it up into the middle, thus producing a ditch at each side and a slope in each direction from the center. At the same time it will cut away the dirt to just the proper depth and no deeper. In this particular, its work differs from that accomplished by the use of plows, shovels or hand scrapers. The road grader leaves a smooth, regular surface, giving the road the proper contour. A dirt or a gravel road can be put into excellent shape by running the grader repeatedly over it. Care should be taken first to remove the brush and rubbish from the side of the road, that the grader may not carry it into the traveled roadway.

LONG ISLAND.

A marked peculiarity about New York, the empire state, is the fact that while it is the main entrepot of the United States and has more maritime trade and vessels of every size and description carrying flags of all nations constantly coming and going, its only seacoast is Long Island. This island, whose west end rests south of the city, extends one hundred and thirty-four miles to the eastward of Montauk Point, shutting off the ocean from New York's main land and a portion of New England forming Long Island Sound, hence the state secures, instead of a very small portion of coast line, an aggregate of about two hundred and fifty miles, counting the ocean and Long Island Sound, and the beautiful bays at the east end of Long Island. The island itself is unique in many respects. Geologists tell us that it was formed by glacial action aided by the ocean. The South Shore is wonderfully attractive to all lovers of the ocean, its grandeur and its pleasures. For half its South Shore the island proper is protected from the Atlantic by a long low beach line called Fire Island, which forms the Great South Bay, noted for its opportunities for yachting in safety and comfort to those who are not full fledged salts, and furnishing still water bathing. The attractions for the fishermen are great. All kinds of fish abound, the gamey blue fish being perhaps the favorite. Blue Point, just west of Patchogue, is famous the world over, as it is the home of the Blue Point oyster. Little Neck clams are found in great profusion on both shores of the island, as are oysters of superior excellence. While the South Shore is particularly attractive on account of its beaches and ocean frontage, it is not a stretch of sand or absolutely level for its entire length. The Shinnecock Hills have long been of interest to scientists and artists. These furze clad knolls have many picturesque, winding roads. In many points one sees a marked resemblance to New England villages. Rows of magnificent elms and flowering trees of every description abound. Even Montauk Point itself, swept as it is by all the winds, is covered with verdure, and has, like other points, a number of fresh water lakes, one of them two and three-quarters miles long. These lakes, like Artist Lake, Lake Ronkonkoma, West Lake, at Patchogue, Lake Success, near Hyde Park, are fed by streams coming in from the bottom. No inlet or outlet appears on the surface. Besides these lakes a number of beautiful streams flow across the island, and the fact that clear, cold water of great purity can be obtained anywhere on the island at no great depth has led scientists to declare that this water came from the mountains of New England. Analysis shows that the water is, in most cases, the same as the mountain streams of Vermont and New Hampshire.

The North Shore of the island is high. The roads dipping up and down over the hills, and the heavy woods comprise all varieties of shade trees: elms, maple, locusts, walnut and sycamore grow in great perfection. Through the center of the island the entire length from Brooklyn to the east end run a line of wooded hills called the backbone. These hills slope away to either shore. The North Shore has many beautiful harbors well known to all yachtsmen, as they afford a safe port in any storm.

A Straight Tip.

Don't go to a doctor with a broken heart; he is likely to let it appendicitis and operate.—Pack.

Kind Lady—"Why don't you get your hair cut?" Dismal Dawson—"This here hat is two sizes too large if I do."—Indianapolis Journal.

Student—"These college authorities are idiotic. They want to know whether they should drop Latin and Greek from the course." "Well," Student—"And they consult the professors for advice! Why don't they consult the students?"—Le Monde Illustré.

De Sappy—"Yes, by Jove! I'm going into business, doncher know, and it won't be long till I'll have money all around me, doncher know!" Miss Sharpe—"Then you'll be just like a doughnut." De Sappy—"I don't just see the resemblance, doncher know!" Miss Sharpe—"Why, you'll be nothing with dough all around, doncher know!"—San Francisco Bulletin.

One Exception to This Rule.—"Remember," said the good man, "that there are sermons in stones." "Not in those that you run against with your bike," retorted the ynic, and the argument was necessarily at an end.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Hicks—"So you were at Pinechey's last night. Does he serve a good dinner?" Wicks—"Well, I'll say this much for Pinechey—he served the dinner rather better than he did the diners."—Boston Transcript.

Young Lady—"I can only be a sister to you—no more." He—"Thanks. That is very good of you. Have you spoken to your mother of it yet?" Young Lady—"Of what?" He—"My adoption!"—Lustige Blaetter.

"Men are so illogical." "What do you mean?" "Why, those four men disputed over a doctor's bill. They banged each other all up, and they made more work for the doctors."—Chicago Daily Record.

Art Criticism.—Hoax—"They say that D'Auber's pictures of animals are very lifelike." Joaz—"That's a fact; I saw one or two, and they were beastly, sure enough."—Philadelphia Record.

Dewey Bought a Ticket.

When Commodore Dewey left Washington in November, 1897, to take command of the fleet in the Pacific Ocean, he did not ride on a pass or a half-rate ticket. Being a personal friend of S. B. Hege, General Agent of the Baltimore & Ohio passenger department in Washington, the now famous sea fighter bought two first-class tickets from Washington to San Francisco via the B. & O., Chicago & North-Western, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific lines. Lieut. Bramly accompanied the admiral and they departed on November 27th.

Some time ago Manager of Passenger Traffic D. B. Martin, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, set out to collect the coupons of the ticket and only recently secured all of them. He has had the ticket, containing Dewey's signature, lithographed, and is issuing fac-similes as souvenirs.

Evidence Against Him.

"I am proud to say," said the man with the loud voice, "that I have never made a serious mistake in my life." "But you are mistaken," said the mild-mannered man with the scholarly stoop; "you have made one very serious mistake." "I'd like to know where you get your authority for saying so?" "Your declaration is evidence that you have never tried to see yourself as others see you."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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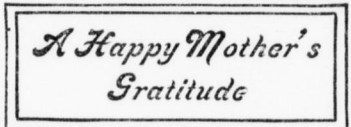
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"Silas—Is your son still practicing medicine?" Reuben—"Nope. He's learnt it now."—N. Y. Journal.

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