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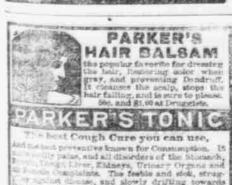
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These will please you best, I think. I'll be ready in a moment, And we'll take him, in a wink. Bring in baby. Will you hold him Sitt g in your lap, and \_\_\_No? Ah! I see!-Then we'll arrange him In this little high chair. -So!-There, that's easy. -- 'Heigho, baby, Going to take a little ride? Want to see the pretty birdy? (When I'm ready step one side.")

MAMMA. "Now, my Bessie, do not whisper: We must still as statues be, If we speak, the baby'll surely Turn his head and look at me."

PHOTOGRAPHER. (" Now, good nurse, please raise him up A little—there!) 'Hear birdy sing?'
(Little more!)—'Where's the birdy?' That's right)-What shall nurses bring? (Try to close his mouth.)- 'Come, birdy ! (Now his head is up too high-Easy-there!) 'Chirp, chirp-hear birdy? Baby see bird by an' by? (That's right-keep him so!)- Good (Steady !)- Baby wouldn't cry !-(Now then !)- Look! See! Here's birdy!"

-Caught him, first time, 'on the fly !" Yes, it's good. I know you'll like it. I'll have proofs without delay. Can't be better. Finished? -Friday. Very much obliged. Good day. -[St. Nicholas,

### JAPANESE ART IN NEW YORK. A Spectacle Which Few People Have Ever

Seen on This Side of the Water. That everything that is worth seeing can be seen in New York, is not a truism; but it is true that there are many things that are worth observing that are not generally seen. But a limited number of persons are aware that there are two rooms in one

of the Japanese manufacturing and trading companies that truly represent a ministure house, and which are finished, furnished and decorated in the true Japanesestyle. The house is the work of a first-class mechanic of Tokio. An ascent of five steps brings one to the outer door, which is of hardwood and sliding, as indeed are al: the Japanese doors, which move without a creak or lar.

This door leads to the reception or "tea" room. The ceiling is constructed of woven bambon varianted smoked and natural. Along the hardwood wainscotting there is a border of lacquered wood and the walls covered with paper in gold spatterwork of a soft, artistic tone. There is nothing nafled to the floor,

but under the feet is matting which feels unusually soft and springy. matting is laid on a cushion or bed of straw about six 'nches thick, and inclosed in cloth and corresponding in width to the matting. The size of a Japanese apartment is never given in feet or inches, but is eaid to be a room of so many mattings, and a marting is generally understood to represent a space of three by ten feet. The winds win the reception-room is made of rice paper inst ad of glass, and giv s jus, as much light as though con-structed of the latter material, although it is of a softer tone. In Japan it is customary for only the richest class to have rice-paper windows in their

Tota room contains a sideboard upon which there are water bottles and tea caddles, while underneath there is a set of lacquer ware for rice and other soft food, and porcelain ware for meat and

In the centre of the room there stands a bronze fire-box containing a bed of ashes of fern leaves. When it is desired to have a fire some charcoal is placed on those ashes and kindled in the open air, and after the smoke escapes it is returned to the room and throws out a

Between the tea-room and the parlor are hand-painted silk-front sliding doors, which can be opened from either side. The ceiling and was scotting of the parfor are of various hard woods, the walls and floors be my covered similar to those of the reception-room.

Here, of course, is found an incense

burner and bronze smoking sets. But few ornaments are visible. On opening a cup oard, however, in one corner of the room, various curios are found. This is the prevailing custom in lapan, and the mi tress of the hou occurages the ornaments from time to time, purting those not in use in the curboard state occasions, however, she displaysher entire collect on.
About the house are scattered a number of small windows with a panel of

fret work, with bumboo shades. There are not any chairs in the house, their place being supplied by cushions. In one part of the parlor there is a raised platform which is kept for ditinguished guests, and the host is supposed to kneel perora it to serve

The woodwork and interior finish are very simple, the doors and window-frames are without mouldings, and there are no mantel carvings. Repeated dustings and rubbings have given to the natural wood a polished surface and a mellow tint.

The beautful lacquer work, formerly so extensively manufactured by this skilful people, and which could be procured at so trifling a cost, is now becoming rare; in fact, so valuable has this old lacquer work become, that many pleces of it have been returned from Paris. New York and other art centres to Japan to be sold .- [N. Y. Mail and

#### Express. Theatre Box Office Experiencess.

"There is one pleasant feature about hox office life," said Treasurer Prior, "and that is the absent-mindedness of people who purchase tickets. "It not unfrequently happens that men or women select two seats, throw down a \$5 or \$10 gold piece, and walk off with the tickets without waiting for the change.

"This morning a lady purchased a matinee ticket and gave me a \$20 gold piece. I gave her the seat and \$19 in change. She refused to take the money, and said I had made a mistage, and you may laugh, but I had to argue with her for three or four minutes before I could convince her that it was not a silver dol-lar that she gave me. What stupid creatures some women are!" Later: Mr. Prior has just informed me that his cash is \$19 short .- | Chicago News.

Ingenious Economy of a Miser. Two old misers, one 70 and the other 80,

fell into a dispute as to which was the most economical. 'The proof," said the former, "that you have no idea of saving is that during the half hour that we have been arguing a fly in your sugar bowl has been having

a feast, and you have not taken the trouble to drive him away."

"And the proof that I am far more saving than you, and that nothing escapes me," replied his aged opponent, "is that I leave that insect in my sugar bowl on purpose. He acts as my spy. Whenever I come home and find the fly gone I am perfectly sure that the cook has been stealing sugar!" \_\_\_\_

### IN CASE OF FIRE.

Valuable Advice to Women, The following letter appeared in the London Times: Will you grant me space to explain briefly what, I think, should be the first thing to be done by a girl or woman

whose dres has caught fire, and similarly the first duty of any one who goes to her resone? A girl or woman who meets with this accident should immediately lie down on the floor, and so any one who goes to her assistance should instantly, if she

still be erect, make her lie down, or if needful, throw her down in a horizontal position, and keep her in it. Sparks fly upward, and flames ascend. Ignition from below mounts with fearful rapidity; and, as a result well known to experts, the fatality or disfigurements in

these lamentable cases is due to the

burns inflicted about the body, neck, face and head, and not injuries to the Now, the very moment that the person whose clothes are on fire is in a horizontal position on a flat surface, the flames still ascend, but only into the air, and not encircling their victim. Time is thus gained for further action, and in such a cr sis in a fight against fire a few seconds are precious, nay, priceless. Once in the prone position, the person afflicted may crawl to a beli-pull or to a door, so as to clutch at the one or open the other to obtain help. The draught from an open door into the room would blow the flames, if any, away

from the body.

Or again, still crawling, the sufferer may be able to secure a rug or tablecover, or other article at hand, to smother any remaining flames. I say remaining flames, for as soon as the horizontal position is assumed they have no longer much to feed upon, and may either do out, as the phrase is, or may be accidentally or intentionally ex-

tinguished as the person rolls or moves

upon the floor. In any case, not only is time gained, but the injury inflicted is minimized In the event of the conditions not being those of self help, but of assistance from another. If it be a man who comes to the rescue, having first and instantly thrown the girl or woman down, it is easy to take off his cost and so stifle the diminished flames with this or some other sultable covering, the flames playing now upward from the lower limbs or lower part of the body of the prostrate fellow-creature.

If it be a woman who rushes to give aid, this last-named condition suggests that the sa'er mode of rendering it is to approach the sufferer by the head, and fling something thence over the lower part of the body, for fear of setting fire to h rself.

If, in those fearful accidents, the horizontal position be assumed or enforced, there would be, in short, comparative immunity and limited injury. If not, what must happen? The fire will mount; the flames (and it is these which do the injury) will envelop the body inside and outside the clothes and will reach the neck and head, and then, indeed, they may be smothered by a coat or wrapper, or rug, while the victim is frightfully disfigured or is doomed to perish. For many years I have urged these views while lecturing on I juries from burns; and once I had an occasion to illustrate them practically, though in a comparativ ly trivial accident. Some dressings of a very inflammable

character caught fire at the bedside of a patient in one of my surgical wards; they were promptly seized by a student, who threw them into the middle of the ward, and endeavored to stamp out the flaming material. But this containing paraffin and resin adhered to his boots, and his lega as he danced about were getting uncomfortably hot. To his astonishment, and to the undoubted surprise of every one in sight, I caught him by the collar of his coat, and tripped up his legs. Instantly the flames became harmless, and were extinguished by a nurse throwing a jug of

I have often thought that on the approuch of the Wint r season thereshould be at every school, whether board voluntary or private, whether for girls or boys, an address, if not an actual demonstration by means of suitable models, ting out what should be done in these pecul calamities.

It two upright models were prepared alike, and simultaneously set on fire, one being thrown down after two sec nds and one after thirty seconds, or at any other two different times, the memories of children would receive a insting, and it might be a serviceable, impression.

#### Bores On the Train. Mr. Daves, of the Coast Line, who is a

sundle of nerves and talent, told us some apt stories. He said that one of the officers of a

road was much annoyed at the impor-tunate curiosity of an old Boston lady, with indescribable bangs upon her forehead and gigantic spectacles upon Every time the train stopped for fuel this formidable female wanted to know

what caused the detention. Tired of this monotonous interrogation, the persecuted man determined to put a vindictive stop to it. When the dragon of virtue assaled him again with the old question, he replied:
"My dear madam, the brakeman is

very sick at the stomach." Good heavens, sir!" ejaculated the woman. " is he extremely ill?" The man nodded in solemn affirma-'How do you know?" shrieked Boston.

Because," wickedly retorted her victim, " he is throwing up wood." That silenced her questions, but she made an angry memorandum and threatened to report him to the company.

The prohibition question having been started Mr. Daves said the most ludicrous sight he had ever seen was a few inharmonious notes upon the keys,

drunken musician, who, after striking a crawled up on top of the piano, and we t to sleep before his astounded and anjused audience! Mr. Daves also stated that he once had a friend who periodically "swore One day Daves met this man of many broken promises, and said:

John, have you sworn off again?" There was an emphatic negative response, and then a candid declaration that he "had not sworn off, but stopped lying about it?"-[Augusta

### Origin of Men's Fashions.

It would be much easier to write about men's fashions, for all that I would have to say then would be that the boss tailors of Paris appoint a committee each season, and that to this committee is intrusted the getting out of a fashion plate, in which is indicated the modifi-cations to be introduced into the various bifurcated, round-buttoned and splittailed garments which compose mascultue toilets. Members of the corporation in Paris follow this fashion plate, and the pro-

vincial tailors copy after their fellows in the capital. All this is very simple even if we take into consideration the fact that tailors of Paris have been for years influenced by John Ehrendall, formerly of Boston and New York, now the fashionable tailor of this great capital .-Boston Herald.

### CLEVER FEMALE DETECTIVES

Some Cases in Which Their Smartness Was Rewarded with Success. A New York reporter found a woman's detective agency, located downtown. It is managed by a woman who has been in the detective business for about twelve years. She is well known to many lawyers and her reputation for

has a pleasant, attractive face. She was dressed in black I called to get a reply from you to the intimation that women de not amount to much as detectives," said the reporter to her.

first-class work is excellent. She is of

middle age, of rather stout build, and

"I have no reply to make," she said. I do not seek notoriety of any kind. I do my work as well and as carefully as I know how, and my customers appear to be satisfied." De I employ women to act as detectives? Yes, several; though as a rule I do the most of it myself. When you want work done most to your

own satisfaction you must do it your-"To-day there was a man in court who was arrested through the work of this office, and I have an important case on hand of which I shall be glad to give you particulars at the proper time but more than this I do not care to tell you about my work or myself.

The woman whom I will speak of had an important case that involved the finding of a mother and her child who had gone West. The parties who wanted to find the woman and child employed her to discover their whereabouts. It was very necessary to learn this in a sult that was pending.
"The opponents to the suit knew where they had gone to and had as their counsel two of the leading lawyers of Brooklyn. The woman detective decided to take the bull by the horns, as the saying is. She arrayed herself in deep mourning and called on one of these lawyers, representing herself as the

widowed sister of the woman who had left for parts unknown. "She told them that she had important papers to send her sister, and talked so plausibly to the counsellor that he gave the whole thing away, telling her the place to which the woman and child had gone and all about

his side of the case.
"No sooner had our detective out of the sight of this lawyer's office then she started in all haste to find the woman, not even going home to change her apparel. She sent a telegram to her husband that she was obliged to go out of town and started for Indiana (I believe that was the State) on the very —[Arkansaw Traveler.

"She found the woman and child in the place she went to and thus accomplished her task most success-Another bright operation of hers was a household which could only be obtained by a person inside the house. She affected the Irish brogue and made

application at the house to be engaged ' Her services as such were accepted and she remained in the household several days, long enough to obtain all the information that was desired. Then she quit, telling the people that she found the work too hard for her."

#### 4.0 The Art of Conversation.

The art of agreeable conversation is one all men admire, and most men are anxious to learn. There are few sub jects upon which young people oftener seek advice from those whose greater experience enables them to give wise counsel. It is frequently said of many kinds of teaching that example is better than precept, but this is not so in re gard to the art of conversation. may hear a man talk with wonderful brilliancy, and yet talk no better yourself than you did before. You must have rules to observe rather

than persons to Imitate. Boswell accounts for the extraordinary accuracy and flow of language of Dr. Johnson by saying that "he had early laid it down as a fixed rule to do his best on every occasion, and in every company; to impart whatever he knew in most forcible language he could put it in; and that, by constant practice, and never suffering any careless expres sions to escape him, or attempting to deliver his thoughts without arranging them in the clearest manner, it became habitual to him."

The course which was pursued by so eminent a scholar, whose conversational powers alone sufficed to make him cele brated, may well be followed by the youth of our day who want to learn the much coveted art of conversation .- [New York

### A Pretty Legend About the Camellia,

Though the camellia is odorless, there is no flower that blooms comparable to it for size and rich coloring. This darling of the winter will always be a favorite. There is a pretty legend connected with the camellia and how this beautiful white flower obtained its name. Ferdinand VI. of Spain, while suffering under the hereditary melancholy from which he subsequently died, was pacing to and fro one December day in the

year 1739 'n his bedroom in the Palace Royal of Madrid. was interrupted by the entrance of Maria Theresa, his Queen, who bounded gayly into the room. In her hand she held a flower of dazzling whiteness, which she presented to her husband.

"A beautiful flower, but scentless," exclaimed the King, folding in his arms the wife whom he passionately loved. " It is the new flower of the Phillip pines," said the Queen. "I have kept the best for you.' The flower which Maria Theresa brought to her husband a century and

a half ago had been presented to her the previous day by a Jesuit missionary just returned from the Indies. Craving an audience from his sovereign, he brought his offering, a small shrub with glossy green leaves on which blossomed two magnificent white flowers which he had brought from the Island o Luzon, one of the Philippine group. It was about three feet in height and grew in a vase of mother-of-pearl. The Jesuit donor was named Camellla. Cuttings from the rare shrub were

carefully cultivated in the hot-house of El Buen Retiro at Madrid. Though it was introduced into Spain toward the end of 1739, the new flower of Father Camellia remained for a long time in a state of semi-obscurity, as the possessors jealously guarded it lest it should become common. The monopoly was gradually relaxed, and the cameilia now blooms nearly as universally as other beautiful ornaments of the flower garden .- [New Orleans States.

## Some Uses for Congressmen.

The life of a Congressman is not an altogether happy one, judging from the experiences recounted by many of them. According to the Washington Star, a member from Indiana was complaining the other day of the variety of subjects his constituents wrote to him about.

He had just received a letter from a woman in his district, saying that her husband had left her seven years ago and asking the Congressman to go to the census office and find his present address. Another, from a fellow-citizen, asked him to write to the American minister at Rome and get him an Italian queen bee. From which it would seem that there are some uses for Congressmen after all.

### SAW HIS FREEDOM.

Uncle Randsom at last Recovers His Sight. Old Randsom had been blind during many years. He had heard the guns of war, had heard the shouts of his emanci pated brethren, but had never seen his

He continued to live in his cabin, surrounded by his wife and children, who supported him. His wife died, and his heartless children, one by one, descried him. After this he contrived to make a living by bottoming chairs. Several months ago he became too feeble to work. About that time a young

man whom the old negro had nursed came home. "You needn't try to work any more, Uncle Randsom," said the young man. "I have bought the plantation, and a part of what I make shall be yours.' Thankee, Mars Bob, thankee, sah. "Twon't be fur long, sab, fur de ole man is gettin' putty close to de eend o' de

It was not for long. One night, after a storm, when the wind was sinking to rest, the young man stood by the bedside of the old negro. "Are you suffering much pain, Uncle "No, honey, nothin' hu'ts me er tall; de diffikilty is dat my bref is sorter

WYSULE! "You are dying, old man." "Yas, sah, an' thank de Lawd for it. I'se been in de dark er laung time, Mars Bob, er mighty laung time, an now I'se gwine out inter de light. Dese ole eyes de body sin' no 'count, but de eves o

de soul ken look at de glories o' de udder "Do you wish to leave any word for your children, in the event that I should ever see any of them?" "No, sah, nothin' in purtic'ler, only dat I forgibs 'em. Sorter prop me up, of yer please, sah. Dar, dat'll do."

"You are happy in the belief of a future life, are you not?" "Oh, yas, sah; oh, yes. Ef dar wan't no life arter dis de worl' would be er failure. De Lawd wouldn' wanter create me ter be er slabe ha'f my life an' blin' de udder ha'f if it wa'nt ter teach

me er gre't lesson. "Whar dat light come from?" he said, raising his hands, "Mars Bob, Mars Bob, I ken see-I ken see! Look at de light. Tildy," referring to his wife, long since dead, "yer's fotch a lamp to ligh de ole man er way. I'se gwinegwine! De light gits brighter an brighter. Hol' it up, hol' it up. Thank de Lawd dar ain' no mo' night. Thank-"

### The First Cigar.

The first smoke don't last as long as a case of sea sickness, but while it does last it is original and unloue. The new smoker is no judge of cigars. He invariably takes a strong one. He goes a good deal by the box in which he finds the cigars. If a cigar has a fancy paper ring about It he will take

it at any price. If he lives he will know Out on the shady side of the barn he takes himself and his cigar. He is afraid that some one will molest him He lights the eigar, and holding it in the most awkward manner between his fingers puffs and expectorates. It seems manly to smoke, and he pictures himself parrating to his chums how well he han-

died himself and his first cigar. The senantion is not at all pleasant. He allows longer time to elapse between his puffs, and wishes that the cigar would burn up more rapidly. The mouth has a peculiar taste, which frequent expectorations will not remove. The old familiar fence is turning green. He sees everything circle around bim. He is better after a while. Flat on his back on the green sward, he looks up at the blue beavens overhead and watches the fleecy white clouds float in many di-

Dinner has no attractions for him. Candy would not tempt him to get up. He hears his name called by an elder brother. It sounds way off, as if in a dream. Nearer and nearer it comes, and finally the owner of the voice comes around the corner of the barn. He guesses the cause, for he sees the half-smoked cigar. If he is a real good boy with a box full of Sunday-school

tickets, he will tell his mother, and the

and jectured for the rest of his boyhood

If he is a real bad boy, one whose badness insures his living to manhood's estate, he will get his sick brother up on the hay in the old barn, and will tell a fib at the table to excuse his absence. His kindness will cost the inexperienced smoker later on many marbles, much candy, and the best of everything. He will threaten to inform their parents many times of the first smoke, and will scare the smoker into many scrapes and

### much trouble.-[St. Paul Globe.

Another Earth. Mars is almost universally accepted as being a kind of duplicate earth.

It is endowed with land, water, clouds, and air, and snow accumulating around its poles in their respective winter seasons. The atmosphere of the planet is, however, obviously much more rare than that of the earth, so that it only exerts at the planet's surface a pressure of about two pounds and a quarter to the square inch.

The clim te of Mars is conceived, from the small amount of snow that accomu-lates at the poles of the planet, to be comparatively mild. The water is distributed into a very eurious series of long parallel canals which run out from the ocean basins to an extent in some places of three and

four thousand miles. Two moons have been discovered since 1877, presenting a diameter of not more than six or seven miles, and one of them completing a revolution round the planet in a little more than seven hours .-[Edinburgh Review,

#### ---Modest Young America. A business man advertised for an errand boy recently and among the curious replies received the following, interest-

ing as an index of the self-appreciation

peculiar to Young America: I am a strong well educated young man of eighteen good family best of ref-Another is no less curious : "I think I could fill your want a --

of to-day to a T. Drop me a n te & I will call and you can form an opinion as to my imagination."—[Philadelphia Bul-

### Obliging the Preacher,

The Rev. Dr. S., who is a prominent divine in a city not far from New York, had been spending a few days-not in this weather-on an island on the Maine coast, and, intending to depart on a certain morning, he started for the boat in company with a friend. A porter followed with the doctor's valise. Arriving at the wharf, they found that to take advantage of the wind or tide the boat had gone before the advertised

Not aware of the clerical character of the company, the porter swore several shocking oaths in quick succession. "What do you think of that, doctor?" asked his friend.
"Well," said the doctor, slowly and impressively, "there are times when the

services of a layman are indispensable."

### NEW YORK'S FOOD SUPPLY.

Startling Figures Showing What a Good Appetite The Metropolis Has. New Yorkers eat, at a low estimate, about 21,000,000 pounds of beef, mutton and veal in a week, say 3,000,000 pounds every day in the year. They est more in the Fall and Winter of beef, year and mutton than in the Spring and Summer, but, and particularly in holiday times, poultry fills up the nocks, cracks and sylces and there is not so much room for the more solid foods.

About one third of the beef that New

Yorkers get outside of every day is dressed beef, dressed in Chicago, shipped in refrigerator cars and packed in New York in big, iced storehouses. The other two-thirds comprise unressed beeves, extra steers, prime steers, good steers, fair steers, medium steers, Colorado steers, Texas steers, all with nothing but their hides and hair on. Every day 2,000 or 3,000 of the buryes, each weighing 700 pounds when it gets dressed, are devoured as porterhouse,

sirloin and steak and roast beef. Calves weigh, on the average, when they are hung up on the butcher's hooks, 100 pounds. The calves that weigh much less than that are young; they are "bob veal" and the New York Board of Health seizes on to them when its inspectors see them for sale. When the uspectors do not see them, the "bob veal" is served in swell restaurants, white and tender at double prices. Sheep and lambs each weigh about 45

pounds. A million pounds of ealves and sheep and lambs are stowed away every day in New York where they will do the most good.

Hogs from 100 pounds to 100 pounds are "hogs;" hogs from 100 pounds to 50 are "pigs," technically. Fifty thousand of hogs and pigs are daily sacrificed to the Moloch of Manhattan Island appetite. Tons of pork chops, thousands of pounds of honey-combed tripe,

illes of sausages and square furlongs of crackle are put below. Some people's bread is buttered, then others spread if on thick. Together they use 200,000 and odd pounds of butter every day, real butter, not obsomargarine It is calculated that the force expended y pretty dairy maids on churning that ch butter would raise the Post Office 1 000 feet into the air and hold it there One hundred million pounds of choose

arrived in New York in 1884, and most of it was consumed there. The number of Welsh rarelits in that much choose is almost incalculable; a rough estimate In one week, about Christmas time, the people of New York have eaten

19.634 packages of dressed poultry, runndred and sixty-five barrels of cranwith the pooliry. In that same week there were used in Gotham 48,349 barrels of apples, Lis, 565 larrels of petatoes, 2,791 barrels of onlons, 1,884 barrels of beans, 1,375 barrels of peas, 13,000 cases of canned meats, 3,635 packages of dried fruits, 8,471 packages of evapor-orated goods and 4,934 bags of peanuts.

### A Wonderful Walking Stick, Robert Yale, of Norwich, N. Y., has a historical cane, which probably is the oddest walking stick ever built in this or

any other country. It contains 2,000 places of wood, and each inlaid piece is given an artistic and symbolic form, so that the cane by its various colored woods is given a most artistic look, although no color is used and the cane represents five months, abor-Sixty of the 2,000 pieces of weed are relies of great value to the relie hunter and comprise a piece of wood from the oldest temmtable house in America, the now occupied by the seventh generation. The head of the case is from the tree

at Crown Point to which General Putnam was tied after being condemned to death by burning by the Indians. Set in the cane is a wreath of hair from the head of Rebecca Bates, one of the heroines whose strategy drove the British to their shipping after landing to attack

There is a piece of wood from the Charter Oak; another from the House of Han-cock, the first signer of the Doclaration where witcheraft originated in Salom, and another from the building where the victims of that craze were tried.

young smoker will be taken to the house Set in the cane is a small piece of Plymouth Rock and also a piece of wood from the Mayflower; also woods from five different forts on Lake Champlain, from Hawthorne's residence at Sciem, from the church where Roger Williams preached, and from the tree beneath nich Jonathan Edwards preached to the Indians at Stockbridge, Coon.; also a piece from the curbing of the well commemorated by Woodworth in his poem, The Old Oaken Bucket."

The only foreign relic in the collection is a piece of wood from the Tasso oak. The cape is a unique and attractive piece of work, and is valued at \$500 by

### its owner. - Norwich Bulletin. Sweet-Minded Women.

So great is the influence of a sweetminded woman on those around her that it is almost boundless. It is to her that friends come in seasons of sorrow and sickness for help and comfort. One smoothing touch of her kindly hands works wonders in the feverish child; a few words let fall from her lips in the ear of a sorrowing sister do much to raise the load of grief that is bowing its victim down to the dust in anguish

The husband comes home worn out with the pressure of business and feeling irritable with the world in general, but when he enters the conv sitting room, and sees the blaze of the bright fire and meets his wife's smiling face, he succumbs in a moment to the soothing influences, which act as the balm of Gile of to his wounded spirit.

The rough school oy fles in a rage from the taunts of his com amons to find solace in his mother's smile; the little one, full of grief with its own large trouble, finds a haven of rest in its mother's breast; and so one might go on with instances of the Influences that a sweet-misded woman has in the social life with which she is connected. Beauty is an insignificient power when compared with hers.

#### CONTRACTOR OF THE PERSON NAMED IN A Valuable Wood.

In acquiring Burmah, England has got possession of vast forests of teak, which, never plentiful in India, was becoming commercially very rare. Of all the woods grown in the East this is the most

It is neither too heavy nor too hard; it does not warp or split under exposure to heat and dampness; it contains an mential oil which prevents its rotting under wet conditions, and at the same time acts as a preservative to iron and repels the destructive white ants; it is, withal, a handsome wood of several varieties of color and grain, and takes a good polish.

## Fingers Before Forks.

The Malay said: "Such a dirty practice. We say to of this fork? It has been in a hundred, perhaps a thousand mouths; perhaps in the mouth of my worst enemy. This thought is very repulsive to us."

### APPETIZERS.

Dolly Varden Plasters. An amusing incident occurred recently at a Senece-street drug store.

A man had made several purchases, and to the clerk's inquiry if he wanted anything else he replied: Yes, there was something else my wife wanted me to get. Let me see,

what was it? Oh, yes; some Dolly Var-What kind of plasters?" asked the clerk with a laugh.
"Dolly Varden!" was the answer, given with some show of irritation.

Well, we've had some, but they're all I guess you mean belladons Yes, that's it. I knew it was something like that," and the customer's perplexed countenance lighted up with a

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smile of satisfaction .- Buffalo Courier.

Well Named. Balston, the grocer, calls upon Juckles, and, while in the drawing room, Juckles' little boy comes in and says: You ain't got a bird like we have."

(pointing at a cage).

Balston: "That's a fact, my little Boy: "His name uster be Jim till we guntre trade with you, an since then pa-has been callin him Balston." Balston: "Ah, and why does he do Boy: "Pa says he calls the bird Balston because he's always got such a big

#### account is made out somebody is going to suffer .- Arkansaw Traveler. ---

Baiston ways that it is very funny, but he knows that when the next monthly

Funny, ain tit?

Art in Austin-Miss Dauber, an Austin artist, having finished a picture of a Texan sunse which looked very much like an exploded vermillion factory, took the gem under her arm and proceeded to Mr. Smith's book-store.

Mr. Smith, I desire to furnish the Austin public an artistic treat. I will leave my picture here on exhibition. I wish you would put a card on it informing the public that it is not for sale." "Do you really think that is neces-sary, Miss Dauber," replied Smith, after he had examined the picture carefully .-[Texas Siftings. ---

#### Not Wanted. Little Phil had always mentioned each member of the family in his evening

prayer, but the other night he left out

Why, Phil you forgot your dear lit-His black eyes finshed with the an-There's no room in my prayers for my little brother; there's no room in

Graphic.

this house for him; and what's more,

there never has been !"- | Newton (Mass.)

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An Eve to the Future,

"You will come to dear John's funeral, won't you?" said the wesping widow to a Yes, I'll try to come." "Yes, do, dear, Your presence will comfort me at my most rainer moment, And I'd take it as a particular for if and used to be very form of me before \$ was married to dear John. - Philipdel-

What She Wanted. Miss Carrie: "Papa, I want fifty dols lars, in small bills. Papa: "Proposterous, my child; what can you want of fifty dollars?" Miss Carrie: "The dector said that I must have it, and I want it.

Papa: "The doctor said you must have that amount? in small bills?" Miss Carrie: "He didn't say how much but he said that I must have change."-[Life.

### The One Thing Needful,

When Ethalinda DeWiggs visited her cousins in the country last week, one of Linda, don't you want to help me pick peas this morning:" I'd like to, dear, "replied Ethaliada. "but I am not properly dressed for pick-

Why, how is that?" "I forgot to bring a pea-jacket with me."-[Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

The Difference.

"Say, Dad, I have a conundrum, What's the difference between the relation you sustain to me and that of cause "Give it up, Bobby, unless It has something to do with Genesis." "No, not this time. One is an appar-

#### ent relation, and the other the relation of a parent. Her Little Ruse.

And her little cough, it is no harm to

When in the church she sat. Shook the plumes upon her hat, And to its many beauties called attention. - (Boston Courier, Wanted Plenty of Playmates. A little chap told by his mother to say

his prayers and to ask for what he wanted prayed for "one hundred brothers and fifty sisters." The mother was so disgusted with the petition that she burried the little sinner off to bed before he could say, Amen -[Brunswick (Ma.) Telegraph. What Every Married Man Ought to Have.

What every married man in this country wants is a trained, flerce looking lit-

#### less time than it takes to provoke one -[Macon Telegraph. ---

mouse that will appear whenever

It will stampede a family quarrel in

A Nut To Crack. The fellow who forgets a good deal that has happened doesn't worry as half as much as the fellow who remembers good deal that never happened. -[Thilkdelphia Call.

#### Such a Pity. It seems a hard thing that so many dudes should be walking about with

nothing to do, when the hand-argan man

has to pay \$40 for a monkey . - | Haiti-

more Herald. Old Love Letters. Old love letters are much like cold love letter that telegraphs a delightful that le to the tip rous of the

### when first written, if road after the flame which inspired it had died possesses all the flators, staleness and non-eating quality that are in a porky lexibiroth that has laid in the refrigerator since

flagers and toes, makes the bear them

fast and even warms up the storage

yesterday.
Soop issa this advantage—it can be warmed over while love letters connot.

-[Lewiston (Me.) Journal

She had a pretty hat, And she had a little cough,